

NEWS

in brief

Japanese general visits

The head of the Japanese Ground Forces, Gen. Fuji Nava, arrives today for a visit with the Japanese peacekeeping forces in the Golan Heights UNDOF battalion. The Japanese commander will also meet with Minister of Defense Yitzhak Mordechai, Chief of General Staff Lt. Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, and top IDF officers in the Northern Command, the army said yesterday. *Arieh O'Sullivan*

IDF seizes drugs smuggled from Lebanon

Five kilos of drugs being smuggled from Lebanon were seized at the weekend after an army patrol spotted a breach in the security fence. The drugs, hashish and a substance believed to be heroin, were found on a 20-year-old who was seized near the security fence. The suspect, who has a criminal record, is from the Galilee village of Tuba. *Itim*

Hamas rallies against Israel in Hebron

Hundreds of Hamas supporters rallied in Hebron yesterday against making peace with Israel. Nayef Rajoub, a Hamas activist and brother of Jibril Rajoub, the preventive security chief in the West Bank, said the Palestinian Authority is "running after a mirage" in trying to reach an accord with Israel. He slammed Arafat's acceptance of the 13% redeployment offer, saying he had given up on most of the land of Palestine. *Mohammed Najib*

Yassin arrives in Kuwait

Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, the spiritual leader of Hamas, arrived in Kuwait last night, becoming the first Palestinian leader to visit the emirate since the 1991 Gulf War. An Associated Press photographer saw the quadriplegic Yassin, 61, as he arrived at Kuwait's airport. It was not announced that he would visit Kuwait on his tour of Moslem countries that so far has taken him to Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Iran, and the United Arab Emirates. Palestinian leaders have not been welcome in Kuwait since the PLO expressed support for Iraq shortly after its invasion of the emirate in August 1990. *AP*

US resolution to honor Mahal

A resolution honoring the foreign volunteers who served in Israel's War of Independence has been introduced in the House of Representatives by California Congresswoman Jane Harman. The resolution by Harman, a Democrat, notes that the international corps of volunteers, known as Mahal, included 1,500 Americans, 400 Canadians, 700 South Africans, 600 Britons and contingents from 33 other countries. These volunteers served in 14 branches, supplying the fledgling IDF with pilots, naval commanders, radar technicians and tank commanders. Of them, 119 were killed in action. Harman, currently running for governor, read the resolution at the Israel 50th anniversary festival in Los Angeles last week and then presented a copy to Maurice Commanday, a Mahal leader. *Tom Tugend*

SLA soldier killed in explosion near his home

By DAVID RUDGE

A South Lebanese Army soldier was killed in an explosion which also destroyed his home in Huneh village in the eastern sector of the security zone on Friday. Hizbullah claimed responsibility for the incident, saying that the soldier was on his "wanted list" and had been sentenced to death. The IDF and SLA launched inquiries to try and find those responsible for carrying out the attack - the first in a long time directed specifically against a member of the SLA. Fighting continued elsewhere with long-range mortar attacks on IDF and SLA outposts in the western and eastern sectors of the zone over the weekend. There were no casualties in any of the incidents and IDF and SLA gunners returned fire. Three Lebanese civilians were reported to have been wounded as a result of IDF or SLA shelling during exchanges in the western sector of the zone on Friday. Reports from Lebanon said the three were hurt when shells fell near Mansouri village, north of the zone. The shelling was apparently in response to a Hizbullah mortar attack on IDF and SLA positions in the Hardoun area. The attacks marked a resumption of fighting following a brief respite during the Ashoura, a holiday of mourning observed by all Shi'ites. It commemorates the martyrdom of Hussein, the grandson of the Prophet Mohammed. Hussein was killed along with 70 family members and followers in a battle in 680 on the plain of Karbala near the Euphrates River in modern-day Iraq. The battle was a key event in the Shi'ite's eventual split into the orthodox Sunni and minority Shi'ite branches. During one of the main rallies organized by Hizbullah in the southern suburbs of Beirut on Thursday, the organization's leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah pledged "Death to the great Satan, America and death to Israel."

Thousands rally against religious coercion

By CATHERINE COHEN

Tens of thousands of demonstrators gathered in Tel Aviv's Rabin Square last night despite sporadic spurts of rain, to protest censorship of the arts by political or religious elements. coercion.

The demonstration was organized by EMI, the local artists union, and Mateh Hofesh, an umbrella organization representing various liberal groups. The event, held under the banner "To Be a Free People in Our Land," was arranged following the Jubilee Bells controversy, involving the Batsheva Dance Company's last-minute decision not to perform an altered version of one of their dances.

"This is a struggle against coercion, aggression and censorship, not a struggle against religion or the religious," said Meretz chairman MK Yossi Sarid.

"We are brothers, united against the fanatic haredi establishment that is coming down on us," continued Sarid. "We say to them get off our back. We will not start a cultural war, but if we are coerced, we will fight and we will win."

Sarid then thanked Batsheva for not giving in to pressure from the religious, and called for equality among all segments of the population and for the separation of religion and state.

Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo called the religious "parasites," vowed to continue the struggle against religious coercion, and claimed that he is ready to give up on the haredi vote in the next prime ministerial elections.

Representing the Labor Party at the rally, MK Yossi Beilin told



Thousands rally in Tel Aviv's Rabin Square for freedom from political or religious censorship of the arts. (Han Ostendy/Israel Sun)

demonstrators: "We don't want a cultural war, but a free culture; we don't want a religious war, but

freedom from religion. "After 50 years of giving up our rights, today there is a new understanding, and

this crowd will open a new chapter, with no intention of giving up." Among the performers at the

rally were Yehudit Ravitz, Yaffa Yarkoni, Micky Gavrielov and Danny Robas.

Dozens held in Amman bombings

AMMAN (AP) - Police have detained dozens of suspects in connection with a recent spate of bombings in the Jordanian capital, Amman, a government official said yesterday.

Acting Minister of Information Nasser Lawzi said the detainees belonged to an extremist group but declined to identify them.

The Jordanian newspaper *Al-Arab Al-Yom* said the group was an

Islamic organization.

Five bombs have exploded in Amman since early March: four destroyed cars and a fifth broke windows in an English-medium private school. The cars belonged to an Arab member of the Knesset, a former Jordanian Interior Minister, a former head of Jordanian intelligence and the traffic police.

Lawzi refused to give the number of detainees, but said some had

already been released. The remainder would be charged in court next week.

A news conference will be held today, Lawzi added.

In Damascus, an official of a hard-line Palestinian group, Fatah Uprising, told the Associated Press yesterday that Jordanian police had been detaining Palestinians at random in connection with the bombings.

Iraq's Aziz snubs Israeli journalists

By RON KAMPEAS

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - Iraq's deputy prime minister refused to acknowledge two Israeli journalists attending the yearly Atlanta gathering of contributors to Cable News Network's *World Report* on Friday - raising hackles among other reporters at what is otherwise a journalistic love fest.

In each case, Tariq Aziz, speaking from Baghdad via satellite hook-up, said he did not like the question - but made a point of not addressing the questioner.

Tatiana Hoffman, a reporter with Channel 2 television, asked Aziz whether Iraq would attack Israel with non-conventional weapons in case of another Gulf crisis. "Let me use the historic opportunity to speak as an Israeli journalist to a leading Iraqi politician," Hoffman preceded her question. The live broadcast was fed into UN headquarters in New York.

"Well Jane, I'm sorry, I'm not going to address this question," Aziz said, pointedly addressing CNN moderator Jane Arraf - although in other cases, he was happy to speak to the reporters directly.

It was an uncomfortable moment, CNN founder Ted Turner launched *World Report* 10 years ago to get broadcasters from different countries - some

technically at war - to collaborate and learn from each other. Hoffman wanted to know: Was it the question or the fact she was Israeli? Aziz did not respond.

When Arraf posed the question, Aziz said he preferred to answer questions dealing only with the UN Security Council and UN inspectors assessing Iraq's compliance with a ban on non-conventional weapons.

Subsequently, however, he let himself stray from those topics with other reporters, discussing human rights in Iraq and relations with Turkey - until another Israeli reporter spoke up.

Leah Zinder of the Israel Broadcasting Authority asked if Iraq planned on recognizing Israel once peace agreements were reached with all its neighbors.

Again, Aziz refused to comment - and to address the journalist directly.

That prompted an angry journalist from the Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation, Bjorn Hansen, to ask, "In all respect, if I repeat that question would you answer it please?" Other journalists applauded.

Aziz answered this time, condemning Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu for not acceding to a US demand to withdraw from a further 13 percent of the West Bank in order to advance negotiations with Palestinians.

Shabbat inspectors fine flower grower

Members of Moshav Olesh were outraged yesterday, when inspectors from the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry entered the agricultural settlement and slapped a NIS 9,600 fine on a flower grower for working on Shabbat.

The flower grower was stunned because the inspectors came on to his private property and ordered him to stop working. They said that working on Shabbat was a criminal offense.

Agriculture Ministry Director-General Danny Krichman told Army Radio that the moshav members should have thrown the inspector off their property.

He said that agricultural workers would not allow religious coercion in their sector, and that the inspectors were guilty of trespassing.

Krichman added that if inspectors continued in their efforts against agricultural workers, they would be met by resistance.

The Labor and Social Affairs Ministry said after investigating the incident that had mistakenly gone to the moshav instead of a nearby nursery. *(Itim)*

2 die, 4 hurt in accidents

A soldier and a motorcyclist were killed yesterday and four others injured in weekend road accidents.

Ya'arit Tichner, 19 of Nahariya, died and her friend Linaz Ben-Harush, 19 of Nahariya, was in serious condition after a crash near Moshav Betzet in western Galilee. Tichner, who was driving home from a pub in Shlomi, crashed into a concrete divider and the car went up in flames, police said. Tichner was burned to death, while Ben-Harush was treated for burns.

The second fatality, a motorcyclist, rammed into a security fence on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv Highway near Shoreset yesterday. His vehicle overturned and he died on the spot, police said. He was not identified.

Another driver was seriously injured after crashing into a wall at the Morasha Intersection, and taken to Beilinson Hospital. He also was not identified.

In Jerusalem, two people were seriously injured on Friday in a head-on collision between two cars on the road between Pisgat Ze'ev and Ma'aleh Adumim. They were treated at Hadassah University Hospital, Mount Scopus. *(Itim)*

On the *shloshim* after the passing of our beloved

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we will hold an unveiling of the tombstone at the Sanhedria Cemetery on Tuesday, May 12, 1998 at 5 p.m. We will meet at the entrance.

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Tel Aviv celebrates British Week

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON — British Trade Minister Lord Clinton-Davis and Marks & Spencer managing director Lord Stone will bring a taste of "cool Britannia" to Tel Aviv this week to mark Israel's 50th anniversary.

They will lead a delegation of top British businessmen, industrialists, lawyers, media executives, designers and models to celebrate the jubilee with four days of trade exhibitions, legal conferences and cultural events.

Fashion shows featuring top British designers and concerts featuring songs from West End musicals will be among the highlights of British Week in Israel.

A film festival, a replica of a typical British High Street and exhibitions of design, culture and history, including a replica of the British crown jewels, will form the visual centerpiece of the event.

One lasting and far-reaching initiative to be launched by Marks & Spencer and the New Israel Fund during the week is a program designed to prepare the next generation of Israeli business leaders.

About 100 Israeli Jews and Arabs will travel to Britain in the context of the program — "Building Business Bridges" — over the next five years for periods of intensive study and training at the London headquarters of Marks & Spencer.

In addition to Britain's Department of Trade and Industry, other major sponsors include some of the largest business, industrial, legal and media interests in Britain. Among them are Marks & Spencer, Sky Television, Cable & Wireless, GEC, Unilever, Hilton Worldwide and Jaguar Cars. Two major London legal firms, Painsner & Co and Nabarro Nathanson, are also among the sponsors.

British Week will be held at the Tel Aviv Museum square and the Performing Arts Center plaza from today until Thursday.

Israel is Britain's second-largest trading partner in the Middle East, after Saudi Arabia, and Prime Minister Tony Blair said in Jerusalem last month that he expects two-way trade, currently running at some \$2 billion a year, to double in the coming decade.



Jubilee planting

Delegates to the 30-nation Hadassah International Congress plant trees Friday in the Jerusalem Corridor, devastated by a forest fire in 1995. Kneeling are Daniel Pfeffermann of Holland and Deborah Gonzalez of Cuba; standing (from left) are Dr. Karl Friedrich of Germany, Hadassah International president Deborah Kaplan of the US, Marcelo Chechik of Argentina, and Juliet Dawood of the UK.

(Joe Malcolm)

Weizman to award Wolf Prizes today

By JUDY SIEGEL

The Wolf Prizes for 1998 will be presented today in the Knesset by President Ezer Weizman. Forty of the world's most eminent scientists — all Wolf Prize recipients — will meet in Jerusalem tomorrow and Tuesday to mark Israel's jubilee and the 20th anniversary of the award, established in 1978 by Ricardo Wolf.

The conference, to be held at the Laronne Hotel, will be an unusual exchange among scientists, some of them also Nobel Prize laureates, who have made exceptional contributions in the fields of agriculture, mathematics, medicine, and physics.

Among them will be Prof. Stanley Prusiner, who discovered prions, the biological cause of infection that led to the identification of Mad Cow Disease; Dr. Carl Djerassi, who developed the contraceptive pill; Nobel laureate (in medicine) Sir James Black, who developed beta blockers (now a conventional treatment to control high blood pressure) and cimetidine (against ulcers); Jean Pierre Changeux of the College of France who wrote about neural networks;

Prof. Benoit Mandelbrot, the father of fractal geometry, which builds on shapes having identical structure at all scales and has had major implications on computer graphics and art in general; Oleh Hornykiewicz, whose discovery of dopamine deficiency in the brain of Parkinson's disease patients led to levodopa treatment of the disorder; and Jozef Stefan Schnell, whose pioneering work in genetic engineering in plants promises to revolutionize agricultural production.

The international Wolf Prize conference, conceived by Technion chemistry professor Ehud Keinan, will include a symposium on science and ethics and former prime minister MK Shimon Peres will present the keynote address. At the end of the conference on Tuesday afternoon, elementary school children who take part in activities at the Recanati National Museum of Science in Haifa will ask the Wolf Prize laureates questions about their research and more general queries on their world view. The two-day marathon of 60 scientific lectures will be attended by the best and brightest scientists and students from throughout Israel.

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In warmup for economic summit

Industrial nations swipe at Japan, Serbia

By JEFFREY ULBRICH

LONDON (AP) - The world's richest nations took a swipe at Japan, imposed sanctions on Serbia, warned the US to keep an eye on its economy and touched on Middle East peace yesterday, all part of a warmup exercise for the upcoming eight-nation summit.

Foreign and finance ministers from the US, Britain, France, Germany, Canada, Italy, Japan and Russia came together for two days to narrow the focus for their boss-

es, who will hold their annual economic summit.

In the biggest tangible action, five of the six nations that make up the Contact Group for the Balkans decided to freeze funds held abroad by the Yugoslav and Serbian governments and to stop all new investment in Serbia - the latest in a series of sanctions trying to get talks started in the increasingly violent province of Kosovo.

All the ministers expressed their concern over the bloodshed, rejecting both "excessive use of

force" by the Serb-dominated government forces and "terrorism and the supply of arms to terrorists" among the ethnic Albanians, who make up 90 percent of the province's people.

Russia, long the ally of the Serbs, dissociated itself from the sanctions, although it continues to press Belgrade.

Said French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine: "No country believes the status quo is tolerable."

All eight countries expressed concern at the lack of progress in

the Middle East, particularly in view of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's refusal so far to accept American conditions for continuation of the peace talks.

But, said US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, "I have not yet taken 'no' for an answer."

As for Japan, the economic powers worried that the country's \$125 billion stimulus package is insufficient to get things going again domestically, thus becoming the engine for Asian economic recovery.

Brown said the finance ministers had "noted there would be further progress" by the Japanese, but others said bluntly it couldn't come fast enough.

Perhaps as a sop to Japan, the ministers also noted that the American economy, barreling along at the speed of light, bears close watching as well, needing "vigilance to stay on a sustainable path."

British Prime Minister Tony Blair is trying to return next week's Birmingham summit to the original idea of these annual confabs, making them low-key infor-

mal talks on the world's weightiest matters.

Over the years, they have ballooned into extravaganzas involving a cast of thousands.

Blair hopes that by preceding the summit with ministerial meetings, the leaders can focus on a smaller number of very significant issues.

Both foreign and finance ministers dealt extensively with the Asian economic crisis, which also will be a major focus in Birmingham.

Dominique Strauss-Kahn and Brown, his British counterpart, stressed the need to address the social consequences of recovery plans imposed by the International Monetary Fund, particularly in Indonesia and South Korea.

"We are now seeing... the social problems that have arisen from the financial difficulties becoming every day more manifest in the Asian countries," Brown said.

New IMF programs, he said, will contain social elements that will help alleviate the worst of the difficulties.

US envoys sent to mediate dispute over Kosovo

By MISHA SAVIC

BELGRADE (AP) - As Serbia faced fresh sanctions for refusing to talk peace in Kosovo, the two top American envoys for the Balkans arrived yesterday for surprise talks with Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

Richard Holbrooke, who brokered the 1995 peace in Bosnia, warned of the danger of a wider Balkan war and said Kosovo's deteriorating situation had led US President Bill Clinton and US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to send him to the federal capital of Belgrade.

More than 150 people have died since February 28, when Serbian police began a crackdown on Albanian militants who are wag-

ing an increasingly violent fight against Serbian rule in the southern province.

Ethnic Albanians, 90 percent of Kosovo's 2 million people, seek independence from Serbia, which together with the province of Montenegro comprises what is left of Yugoslavia.

Milosevic has so far refused independence and has rejected foreign mediation for any talks with the Albanians, who have snarled under police and army rule since being stripped of broad autonomy in 1989.

The previously unannounced visit by Holbrooke and US envoy for the Balkans Robert Gelbard showed pressure is mounting on Milosevic to open negotiations.

The US, the European Union and

Canada announced in London that they would impose an investment ban on Serbia to try to persuade Belgrade to open negotiations.

They exempted the smaller Montenegro.

"There are elements of extreme danger and volatility, which if not reversed, and checked, can spread across international borders," Holbrooke said of Kosovo. He gave no time for the talks with Milosevic, saying he would meet first with Foreign Minister Zivadin Jovanovic.

Meanwhile, up to 20,000 Albanians demonstrated for independence in Pristina, Kosovo's capital, for the first time chanting support for the militant group waging an increasingly violent struggle against Serbian rule.

Indonesian unrest claims first fatality

By CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA

YOGYAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - Police battled rock-throwing students with clubs and tear gas yesterday while President Suharto appealed for an end to violent campus protests against his 32-year rule and the worsening economy.

The clashes in Yogyakarta claimed the first life in fighting between students and police, a 41-year-old businessman caught up in a melee Friday. The Legal Aid Society said he was clubbed to death by police. Police called the circumstances of his death unclear.

In a sign the confrontations are intensifying, local residents joined student protesters in the third straight day of clashes with police in Yogyakarta, 420 kilometers east of the capital, Jakarta.

Some 300 students from the Islamic Teaching Institute hurled rocks at riot police around the campus and in nearby streets already filled with glass, rocks and burned tires from previous days.

The students scattered into small bands as club-swinging police chased them, in one case onto the grounds of a mosque.

Water cannon were deployed before the institute.

Police Lt. Col. Erwin Tobing said about 20 people were being interrogated, but no one had been formally arrested.

Earlier, Suharto left for Cairo for a summit of developing countries, a signal he feels the country is under control. It was the 76-year-old leader's first trip abroad since November, when doctors told him to ease his schedule.

"I hope the people of Indonesia will not sacrifice the national stability that we have achieved," Suharto said. "The security forces will take action against whoever disturbs and ruins national stability."

Suharto ruled out an immediate Cabinet reshuffle and said that guidelines adopted by the assembly that elected him to a seventh five-year term in March set out reforms that "we have to carry out."

Hours after his departure, police scuffled with about 100 students who marched onto a Jakarta highway and blocked



Students shout 'reform' while blocking traffic in Jakarta yesterday, before being dispersed by riot police. (AP)

traffic while shouting, "Reform!" Officers in helmets used riot shields to shove the demonstrators into an alley.

"It's time for the end of the Suharto era," said Sulaiman Haikal, 21, a philosophy student. A protest by rock-throwing students in Bandung was also reported as the nation of 200 million people suffered its worst unrest in decades.

Frustration is growing with Suharto's long rule and the economic crisis in Asia that has hit Indonesia harder than any other country. This week's riots were triggered by cuts in fuel subsidies that sent gasoline prices up 71 percent.

Some legislators in the normally docile parliament demanded

Friday that the energy minister resign. The deputy speaker, Lt. Gen. Syarwan Hamid, said the nation could collapse.

An uproar ensued when officials of oil company Pertamina, believed to be benefiting from the price hikes, refused to name shareholders said to include Suharto family members.

In Washington, the International Monetary Fund praised the government for braving the unrest. The IMF has demanded an end to the subsidies as part of economic reforms demanded in a \$43 billion bailout of the country.

Indonesian officials vowed to reform the economy quickly as the US Export-Import Bank

announced \$1 billion in export credits.

Ethnic Chinese shopowners in the northern city of Medan, who were targeted by mobs that burned and looted their stores when the subsidy cuts took effect, armed themselves with iron stakes and swords yesterday to defend their property overnight.

The rioting in Medan was largely quelled Thursday by army reinforcements.

Yesterday soldiers sold rice to long lines of people running short of staples after many of the Chinese - traditional scapegoats in times of hardship - closed their shops.

Many fled the city or went into hiding.

Elizabeth Dole for US president?

By RON FOURNIER

WASHINGTON (AP) - With a lyrical speech about America's "pioneering culture" and "that simple gift" of more innocent times, Elizabeth Dole jolts 700 Republican women to their feet.

One of them races to the nearest microphone. "I sat on the dais with the first woman president of the United States!" bubbles Phyllis Hill Slater, a New York business owner.

Amid this orgy of adulation last month, Dole flashes an aw-shucks smile and shakes her head side to side - seeming to dismiss the notion of a White House bid.

Yet all the demurring in the world will not slow supporters and star-struck Republicans from dreaming up "Other Dole" scenarios for 2000.

"Elizabeth Dole is one of the brightest stars in the Republican Party constellation," said Ralph Reed, a leading GOP strategist. "There is a tremendous amount of anticipation and buzz at the grassroots about whether she might be considering running for president or potentially being a vice presidential nominee."

Republicans can't forget her show-stopping performance at the 1996 presidential convention, where she wandered among delegates to talk "about the man I love."

That man, husband Bob Dole, lost the presidency in an uninspiring campaign that did more for Elizabeth Dole's political future than his. Republicans respect her resume of solid service, including cabinet positions under presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush and her current job as president of the American Red Cross.

And Republicans relish the theory that

Elizabeth Dole is a rare GOP figure who combines high name recognition with potential to bridge the gap between religious and economic conservatives.

So they set aside for now all the reasons a successful Dole-2000 campaign is unlikely. They like to focus instead on what just might happen.

"It might. She could win," said Cindi Williams, a Capitol Hill aide who headed Elizabeth Dole's campaign staff. "If Elizabeth Dole ran, it would not only be historic - because she would be the first viable woman to run for president - but I think it would mix up the whole race."

Democrats, who rely on female votes to win the presidency, wonder if she would pull women voters away.

"She has a lot of obvious appeal to people who would close the gender gap, and not just because she's a woman," said media consultant Bob Squier, an adviser to presumed 2000 candidate US Vice President Al Gore.

But will she run?

Dole's friends and political allies are betting no, but they say she might be talked into it. She is highly ambitious and self-confident, yet one close friend said she doesn't have "the fire inside" - at least not yet - for the rigors of a presidential campaign.

In any event, Dole would be on any GOP nominee's short list of vice presidential candidates.

"I've said I'm not going to run, and I have no plans to run," she said in a recent interview. And she did not dispute a quote attributed to her in 1997: "We may well see a woman as president in our lifetime. But it won't be Elizabeth Dole in 2000."

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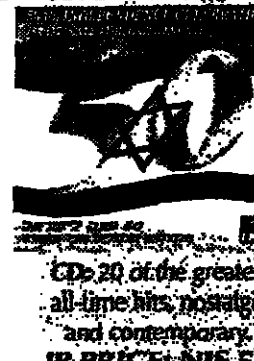
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IRA breakaways declare end to ceasefire with British

By ELAINE MONAGHAN

DUBLIN (Reuters) - A small group of Irish Republican Army hardliners has broken away from the outlawed organization in protest at the Northern Ireland peace settlement and declared a new war against British rule.

The group, whose firepower is thought to be small, announced the move in a statement to the *Irish Independent* newspaper in Dublin and the *Irish Times* in Belfast.

"A war machine will once again be directed against the British cabinet," the statement, published yesterday, said.

It said a ceasefire announced in July by what it called the old leadership was over, and rejected a recent vote that amended the IRA's constitution to allow republicans to take seats in new Northern Irish bodies. For the new group, the deal signed on April 10 is an irrelevance as it failed to end the island's partition and rid it of British rule, which is the IRA's dream.

The group called itself *Oglaigh na hEireann* (pronounced Oglaigh-na-hare-un), the Irish name used by the modern mainstream IRA and meaning literally Irish Volunteers.

It said its comrades-in-arms had utterly betrayed the fight for Irish self-determination by deciding to allow politicians to sit in a new Northern Irish assembly.

Britain's Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam declared that "we will not be intimidated by them or anybody else."

"Our level of security will be such that we will do all we can to thwart whatever they try and do," she said in Belfast.

The new IRA opposes Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams' attempts to coax members of his legal party round to seeing the peace deal as a stepping stone to Irish unity.

Sinn Fein delegates are expected to change their constitution at a meeting in Dublin today to allow members to take part in a new Northern Irish assembly.

Sinn Fein is seen as the political wing of the mainstream IRA,



Britain's Northern Ireland Secretary of State Mo Mowlam talks with a Belfast woman yesterday about the Northern Ireland peace agreement during a short visit around the city center. (AP)

which has split several times since it was founded in the 1900s to overturn British rule.

Other breakaway groups which have not signed up to the IRA's ceasefire include the Irish National Liberation Army and the Continuity IRA or Continuity Army Council.

While the new group is much smaller than the main IRA and described by republican sources as disorganized and weak, Irish police regard it as the most serious threat to peace.

"They are stuck to them like glue. They can't even go to the toilet without police following," a security source said.

He noted the discovery of a replica rocket launcher among a cache of weapons at an attempted hijack

near Dublin recently as a sign that their firepower was limited.

There has been no evidence so far of the dissidents having access to the IRA's arsenal of weapons - including its most feared element, Semtex explosive, he added. "They are still trying to grab people and convince and cajole them," he said.

But any more defections, especially by two "engineers" or bombing experts still in the mainstream IRA, could pose a real threat, he added.

"They are being taken very, very seriously and police are very worried about what they could do."

The new group, estimated to number between 50 and 100, is thought to have been behind a

series of attempted bombings in recent months.

Police have foiled several attacks in the Irish republic, where most of their support lies.

One of the most worrying things about the new group is media reports that the IRA's quartermaster general was among defectors to it last year.

The dissidents are described in local media as sharing the views of the 32 County Sovereignty Committee, a pressure group set up to oppose the peace deal.

A spokesman said the committee had not formulated a response to the new 'IRA'. He said the Committee continued to oppose talks with Britain until it had been forced to remove itself from the island.

US tobacco industry settles suit for \$6.6 billion

By STEVE KARNOWSKI

ST. PAUL, Minnesota (AP) - Big Tobacco already has shelled out more than \$26 billion to keep lawsuits in three states from going to court.

A fourth case made it through trial and was nearly ready for a jury's consideration when the industry found the price tag to bring it to a close: another \$6.6 billion.

The settlement Friday between tobacco companies and Minnesota and its largest health insurer came only hours before the case was to go to a jury following more than three months of testimony.

The state and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota had been seeking \$1.77 billion in compensation for treating smoking-related diseases and unspecified billions more in punitive damages.

Minnesota State Attorney General Hubert Humphrey III said the deal tells Congress the tobacco companies should pay out much more than they originally offered last June under a proposed \$368.5 billion settlement with states across the country.

Minnesota would have received about \$4 billion under that proposal. "Today, Minnesota sets a new standard for the nation," Humphrey said. "The magnitude

of these payments breaks the mold of Big Tobacco's sweetheart deal."

By settling, the defendants chose not to take the risk that the jury might impose even higher costs.

The plaintiffs chose to go with a sure thing rather than risk getting less - or nothing at all.

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company said it settled "because we concluded that it would be extremely difficult to reach a fair outcome, based on what we believe are a series of incorrect rulings by the court favoring the state, which in essence placed a loaded gun to our head."

Minnesota became the fourth state to settle with the tobacco industry over the costs of treating smoking-related illnesses. Mississippi settled for \$3.36 billion, Florida for \$1.1 billion and Texas for \$1.5 billion. Before Minnesota, only Texas' case went as far as jury selection. Thirty-seven states have lawsuits pending.

Minnesota pursued its lawsuit further than any other state, forcing the tobacco companies to release 39,000 secret documents detailing manipulation of nicotine, marketing to children, destruction of documents and attempts by lawyers to control research.

In addition to the \$6.6 billion payment, the major tobacco companies agreed to ban marketing to

minors, eliminate the industry-supported Council for Tobacco Research, stop the industry-paid placement of tobacco products in movies nationwide, and restrict the sale of promotional merchandise, such as caps and jackets, in the state.

US President Bill Clinton said Minnesota's settlement, like the earlier agreements, "will help us combat tobacco industry marketing to kids. This action provides still further momentum to our effort to pass bipartisan, comprehensive tobacco legislation this year."

That legislation has been stalled in Congress due to disputes such as whether the tobacco companies should get immunity from other lawsuits.

The tobacco industry said the Minnesota deal, which will pay out over the next 25 years, showed the limits of using the courts as a forum for the debate over tobacco's place in society.

Judy Segel adds:

Amos Hansner, legal adviser of the Israel Society for the Prevention of Smoking, welcomed the Minnesota agreement as a pioneering deal. He said that proportionately Israel, with a population of nearly 6 million, could sue local and foreign tobacco firms for \$10 billion, and that the Minnesota agreement had "far-reaching implications."

The 'Lizard of Oz'

MELBOURNE (AP) - The "Lizard of Oz," the latest dinosaur discovered in Australia, made its public debut yesterday in the scientific world.

Western Australian Museum dinosaur expert John Long unveiled the two-meter meat-eating beast's name and vital statistics.

"I'm calling it 'Ozaptor' - the Lizard of Oz," Long said.

The dinosaur's name will become official when his discovery is published in the museum's records next month, a process that formalizes the name.

Only a single bone of the animal has been discovered, but Long said the specimen's unique features proved it was clearly different from anything else in the world.

"It lived about 175 million years ago in the Jurassic period, so it's one of the oldest dinosaurs known from Australia in age and the only known meat-eater at that age from anywhere in Australia," he said.

The bone was found about 30 years ago near Geraldton, about 400 kms. from Perth by a group of students. But it was mislabeled at the University of Western Australia as a possible turtle bone until Long pulled it out of the rock it was embedded in.

"I saw this bone and recognized it as something interesting and prepared it out of the rock - I then saw it was clearly a dinosaur," he said.

The bone was the end of a tibia, where the foot attached to the leg.

"Because of that, the attachments to the bones are very complicated and there are a number of diagnostic features in that area which enable you to distinguish this dinosaur as being different from all the other dinosaurs," he said.

Annan in Rwanda: There's a 'limit to patience'

By NICHOLAS KOTCH

KAMPALA (Reuters) - UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan implicitly warned Rwanda yesterday that the world body was losing its patience and might "cut its losses" unless cooperation improved.

Speaking in Uganda after his humiliating treatment by the Rwandan government, Annan said he would protest about the expulsion of a UN human rights worker.

"There may come a time when we may have to cut our losses and focus where we can do useful work," he told a news conference on the penultimate leg of an eight-nation African tour.

"If governments do not want to work with the United Nations and the international organizations, there is a limit as to what you can do and there is also a limit to patience," he said.

Rwanda sharply criticized both Annan and the UN during his tense visit there on Thursday and Friday.

The country's president, vice-president and prime minister all boycotted their official dinner for the UN secretary-general on the grounds that his speech to parliament was "arrogant, insensitive and insulting."

In his remarks yesterday Annan did not mention Rwanda by name.

But he spoke in answer to a question about whether the UN would start standing up for itself after his treatment there and after

the announced expulsion of Jose Luis Herrero, spokesman for the UN high commissioner for human rights field operation in Rwanda.

"The suggestion in your question is something that probably is going to happen if things continue this way," he replied.

Herrero, a Spaniard, told Reuters in Kigali on Friday he had been summoned to the Foreign Ministry the day before and told "his presence in the country was undesirable or security grounds."

The government confirmed yesterday it had decided to expel Herrero, the Rwandan News Agency reported.

His offense was to have publicly voiced his agency's objections to Rwanda's public execution on April 24 of 22 prisoners convicted over the 1994 genocide.

Annan expressed surprise that he was not briefed about the case by his Kigali staff during his visit and that the government did not mention the expulsion order during talks with him.

"We definitely will protest, we always do," he said.

Rwanda's government blames the UN for failing to prevent or stop the 1994 genocide of an estimated 800,000 minority Tutsis and moderate Hutus by hardline Hutus.

Annan has insisted that the UN did little in 1994 because there was no political will among important member states to intervene militarily.

Italy mud slide death toll increases to 116

By MARIO LAPORTA

SARNO, Italy (Reuters) - Blazing sunshine cast a dark shadow over Italy's landslide-hit south yesterday as the mud solidified and made the search for survivors ever more hopeless.

As rescue workers continued hauling bodies out of the debris, officials put the death toll at 116 and said almost 1,500 people had been made homeless in one of Italy's worst natural disasters in years.

Most were killed in Sarno, where a man was pulled out alive on Friday after being buried up to his neck in rubble for three days.

The discovery of Roberto

Robustelli, 22, raised hopes more survivors might be found. But as emergency workers laid row upon row of coffins in a Sarno school gym, those hopes faded.

Excavation efforts were hampered because dumps where debris was being tipped had filled up, forcing lorries to drive ever further from the disaster site to empty the waste.

Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi, who was visiting the United States when torrential rain sent rivers of mud coursing through the impoverished region of Campania, returned home and cleared his diary to devote all his attention to the crippled zone.

"The prime minister... has decided to suspend all national engage-

ments which would have taken him away from Rome so he can personally follow developments in the Campania areas hit by the landslides," a statement from Prodi's office said.

Prodi flew back from the US yesterday and went straight into a ministerial meeting on the tragedy, which was triggered when days of driving rain sent mud and topsoil gushing down mountainsides.

The government, which has set aside \$5 billion (€30 million) to aid initial relief and reconstruction efforts, has borne the brunt of the mud-slinging which invariably follows natural disasters in Italy.

Politicians, local officials and the media have accused the gov-

ernment of failing to stop illegal construction or of taking steps to reverse the environmental imbalance in the poor south.

They say the government was so busy cutting costs to qualify for the European Union's single currency that it neglected the south, or Mezzogiorno.

The government has declared a state of emergency in three provinces and is to fly the flag at half-mast throughout the country tomorrow.

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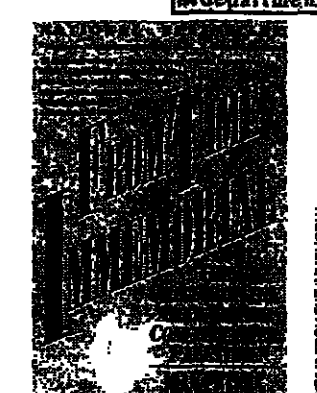
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TV marriage: The kiss of death

So we hear Fran Fine is getting married to her employer, Mr. Sheffield, on CBS's *The Nanny*. On NBC's *Friends*, Ross is apparently heading down the aisle as well, though it looks as though he'll be making the trip with Emily, not Rachel.

This being spring and, more to the point May sweeps, everybody seems to be popping the question. Bad idea.

You think the odds are against a successful marriage in America — 50-50 at best? Try primetime sitcoms and romantic comedies in the '90s. Or, rather, don't.

They are the longest of long shots for the marrying kind, a hostile environment for beautiful dreamers.

Even Brandon and Kelly, whom we first met as kids on Fox Broadcasting's *Beverly Hills, 90210*, who also appear to be saying "I do," have a better chance.

When a program that's been around for a while, like *The Nanny*, decides to marry its leads, it usually signals the beginning of the end. Viewers know this and may even show up in large numbers. But they're generally more interested in something else — the chase. Romance, even in the most ludicrous situation comedy or similarly escapist fare, is far more appealing and classically successful in its courtship stages. It's that Sam-and-Diane dynamic of *Cheers*, the rat-a-tat bluster and banter of *Moonlighting*.

Sam and Diane never got it together on *Cheers*. Maddie and David had sex. Maddie got pregnant and lost the child. But they never got married — to each other, at least.

There's a certain amount of freedom that goes with single life, one that apparently extends to the half-hour television format. You can go out, be with different people, shirk responsibility, make your own schedule, pursue your career, even move.

Get married, settle down and your show is as good as over.

If you didn't start married, you can't get married. Actually, you can, but the chances that you'll stay married or that your show

will stay on the air more than one season drop precipitously.

Some producers have their characters chicken out at the last minute, grabbing the time-in but risking ill will on the part of fans who feel cheated.

Even Paul and Jamie Buchman, the generally happily married couple of NBC's hit *Mad About You*, flirted with divorce, made marital mistakes — which would have been unthinkable in the days of *The Dick Van Dyke Show* — just to keep things interesting.

Married couples are encouraged to have their problems, but not too many of them. And they must be resolved at some point (preferably by the end of the episode), otherwise it's too much like real life, and the audience doesn't want to see that.

The only way out is to call it quits — especially if you have a spinoff on the way.

Do you really think NBC's *Fraser* would have been the success it is if Dr. Crane had dragged Lilith along?

No, primetime loves people starting over.

Rhoda had to do it years ago, a pioneer even if it was spinning off from *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*.

These days, it's the set-up in *Veronica's Closet*.

The alternatives: It would be nice to think that viewers and the people who write television series are capable of being adults about separation, divorce and remarriage. But, again, there doesn't seem to be much if any proof of it out there.

A change in marital status can appear in the middle of a show's history without creating ratings havoc. And it's always preferable if you're widowed (*The Gregory Hines Show*) rather than divorced.

Whether this all says something about us as a society or merely as habitual consumers of a certain kind of product is difficult to determine.

Whatever the case, it can't be good.

So Fran, Brandon, Ross... We've got one question. Are you sure? Are you really sure?

This is your life we're talking about. (The Hartford Courant)



Do viewers really want to see 'Beverly Hills 90210's Brandon (Jason Priestley) tie the knot?

'Fever' heats up London stage

By PAUL MAJENDIE

The disco classic *Saturday Night Fever* that immortalized white suits, black shirts and gold medallions, was given its world stage premiere on Tuesday night, 21 years after the film's release.

Australian Adam Garcia, fresh from his stage role in *Grease*, took the part that made John Travolta a Hollywood superstar. On a night rich in pop nostalgia, the Bee Gees — whose music was a vital ingredient in the success of the disco classic — were there to give the show a standing ovation and pay tribute to the unknown who stepped out from behind Travolta's shadow.

Bee Gee Barry Gibb said of Garcia after the show: "He looks like Travolta and moves like Travolta. He is one of the best dancers I have ever seen. You can't take your eyes off him."

His brother Maurice agreed: "Adam was fantastic. What energy. He is a great dancer."

Robin Gibb, third of the brothers in the group who have sold 50 million albums of the music, said: "It is certainly nice to see people embracing our music. 'How Deep Is My Love' has always been my favorite song in this."

The Seventies returned to London's West End theaterland with a vengeance.

Even Bjorn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson from superstar group Abba were there to relive what was known as the decade that taste forgot.

"This is not just a swing in fashion. These are classic pop songs," Ulvaeus said. "Lennon and McCartney and the Bee Gees are the best and most consistent songwriters. I am green with envy," he said at the glittering premiere.

On a night when stars jostled for attention, one of the biggest camera scrums descended on Fergie, the Duchess of York, who accompanied impresario Robert Stigwood to the show.

(Reuters)

CDs: The perils of perfection

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Records first appeared on the market more than a century ago.

Over the decades one was able to build a library of first-rate performances mastered in a unique way and enjoy them at will. Beethoven for breakfast, Cage for lunch, Wagner for dinner is one possible combination in a fashionless ocean of musical fare.

Today's compact discs are a real joy, but I still remember that when I listened to the first CDs on the market, I had problems with the somewhat metallic, too-perfect sound. It was less personal than the old LPs.

But I soon became used to it and ultimately became addicted to this perfect sound. Today, as engaging as LPs are, the CD is the most enjoyable music recording possibility on the market.

But as much as recordings of all kinds are a delight, they also pose a real danger.

There are so many all-too-perfect recordings available on CD, that they have taken something out of the concert-going experience.

Well-mastered CDs present a

perfectly balanced and artfully produced sound which is impossible to recreate in a live performance. But the average music lover who hears a CD wants to hear the same so-called perfection in a live concert as well. When the live performance is different, these audience members feel cheated.

Moreover, we purchase discs of superstars whom we are seldom able to enjoy live. Their performance on disc is usually impeccable, not to mention much more intriguing than the average musician we see live.

Record companies have been building their own superstars for years, but have they been damaging the industry more than helping it?

Are music lovers intelligent enough to dissociate what they hear on disc from what they hear in live concerts? Not necessarily.

Even if they do, they are not ready to settle for second best. And why should they? If they can't have the best, they would rather stay away from it altogether.

I love listening to discs; it brings me great joy. But it will never replace the live concert-going experience for me.

That said, I am well aware that the CD market has been exploiting itself, not to mention the classical music field.

The classical music business today has been shaped by the large CD companies. They create the stars as well as the repertoire these stars perform. While the initial aim of the recordings was to capture the essence of a live performance for posterity, it has become the other way around.

The essence of the recording has become to set a trend and to make money in a business in which there is a lot of money, if not as much as, for example in the pop world.

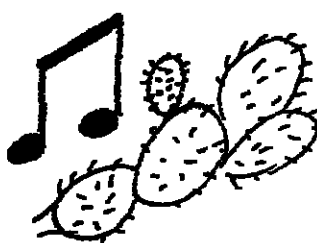
The Jerusalem Music Center's International Symposium on Recordings and the Record (today through Thursday) will tackle various issues relating to classical discs and the industry.

Hopefully, the debate will teach us something about the future and not just reiterate known facts.

And perhaps the symposium can provide us with some answers as to the status of the local recording business — i.e., why no local CD company has captured for posterity the musical riches of our land and its first-rate musicians.

Capitalizing on the nation's grief

Sabra Sounds



By Emily Hauser

Each of the compilations under consideration today is tremendously problematic — both artistically and ethically. Hed Artzi's *Livkot Lecha* (Crying for You), subtitled "A Collection of Songs in Memory of Those who have Fallen" and NMC's *Ki ha'adam etz ha'sadeh* (Because Man is a Tree in the Field), subtitled "Songs for Remembering," are jockeying for a very particular spot on the listener's shelf. I have to wonder how seemingly the rivalry is.

LIVKOT LECHA
Various Artists
(Hed Artzi)

KI HA'ADAM ETZ
HA'SADEH
Various Artists
(NMC)

Both of the two-disc albums are chock-full of utterly depressing songs, meant to evoke and memorialize Israel's many traumas. (My Israeli-born husband took one look at the track listing on *Livkot Lecha* and said "Wow, listening to this would really finish you off.")

Both come with well-produced, but appropriately grim packaging and liner notes, and both sell for about NIS 100 — a good deal, if that's what you're looking for.

The question is, just how right is it to try to out-earn the competition by capitalizing on the nation's grief?

I also have to wonder who would buy either set. Are these companies hoping to corner the memorial committee market? The post-shiva market? Radio stations were probably grateful for their promotional copies (always handy to have all the sad

songs in one place when the nation's mood plummets), but they're not going to go out and buy a thousand copies each.

Assuming that there are people for whom the contents of these compilations are important enough that they choose to ignore the companies' unsavory grab for cash — how are they to decide which one to buy? Nearly half of Hed Artzi's 41 tracks and NMC's 42 tracks are the same songs performed by different artists. You'd have to stand in your record shop and ask yourself if you'd rather mourn to the strains of Aviv Geffen singing Hed Artzi title track "Livkot Lecha," or to NMC's Arik Einstein version? Shoshana Damari's "Bab el-Wad" or Yaffa Yarkoni's? You get the idea.

The very structure of the compilations also leaves me scratching my head in wonder. One thing this country has always known is that mourning must lead to catharsis — as the entire nation has done time and again — after which one has to move on. Official days of mourning are always ended on radio with a gentle easing back into cheerful music, and on television with the slow re-introduction of upbeat broadcasts. Yet, NMC and Hed Artzi seem to want to leave us in a state of perpetual despair, with heart-breaking tune leading to heart-breaking tune and no let up, anywhere.

To top it off, many of these songs can be found on any number of other compilations — not least of which are those released by the same two companies in honor of the jubilee.

Sadly, we will always have reasons to grieve, as individuals and as a nation. Music has always been a source of comfort to mourners, often providing one of the best artistic expressions of the inexpressible.

Does this mean that our leading record companies should try to carve out a niche market and make a quick buck? I think not.

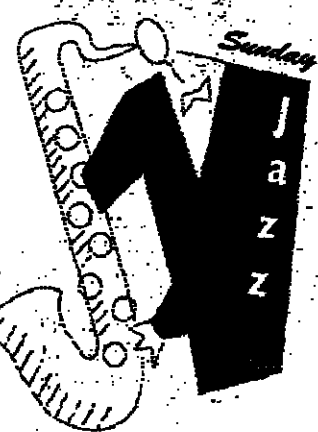
If they had really wanted to honor the dead, Hed Artzi and NMC should have combined their efforts, made a united front, and offered one dignified set, at cost, as a service to the nation of which they are a part. Clearly, though, dignity wasn't in the cards.

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| #5 | 7 | 9 | MICHA SHEETRIT | | MASMEHIM VE... |
| #6 | 3 | 6 | BEN ARTZI | | HAIM MESHEH ATZMI |
| #7 | 4 | 18 | HAIM MOSHE | | HATMUNFT SHE... |
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| #15 | 14 | 9 | MADONNA | | RAY OF LIGHT |

Tower Records' top-selling albums for last week.

Golden age of modern jazz sets the standard



By David Isaacson

If you've never heard Art Blakey's 1963 rendition of "Summertime" — including solos by Sonny Stitt and McCoy Tyner, that might be because it's never been released here, before now.

Hed Artzi's new, high-profile compilation *Jazz Is: Standards* includes discoveries like this and Ben Webster's 1960 "Stella by Starlight" (complete with a somewhat unconvincing string section), old favorites like Coltrane's "Nancy (with the Laughing Face)" and some unexpected diamonds like Chet Baker's "These Foolish Things."



From left: John Coltrane, Count Basie and Chet Baker all feature on 'Jazz Is Standards.'

Jazz Is: Standards is the first of a three-part series designed, according to its compiler and editor, Avisar Savir, "to open a window into the world of jazz for people who don't know what it's about."

This disc doesn't just open the window, it throws down the shutters and claims the day.

Opening with the swing of Count Basie's 1962 "Oh, Lady Be Good," it progresses through the blue moods of Ahmad Jamal's 1958 "No Greater Love" and the

will scarlets of Roy Haynes's 1962 "Fly Me to the Moon" before finishing with something really

JAZZ IS: STANDARDS
Various Artists
(Hed Artzi)

special: A seven-minute-plus Sonny Rollins cover of Billie Holiday's "God Bless the Child." Taking tracks from the golden era of modern jazz is a deliberate

ploy, in Savir's words, "to make it easy on the listener, without being too friendly," he adds quickly, lest anyone should think he's even suggesting "easy listening."

As he says, "standards everyone can relate to. Standards are the fuel that run the motor."

So even if you don't know "Straight, No Chaser," you can appreciate Quincy Jones's big band treatment of this classic Monk composition. And again, in contrast with the ensemble

idea, each member of Roy Haynes's quartet gets a minute and a half solo — not too long for the neophyte but long enough for the fan.

The only major absent figure from the period is Miles Davis (on whose rights Columbia seems to keep a tight grip) and we're hardly short of Miles retrospectives.

As Savir points out, even Bill Evans makes an appearance on Kai Winding and J.J. Johnson's "Side by Side."

Savir's theory as to why the early Sixties constituted the golden era is that in those days, the genre was "still developing. Coltrane and Mingus were inventing stuff. And it was before there was so much pressure to sell."

So it is somewhat ironic that the commercial success of *Jazz Is: Standards* augurs so well for the series' second and third parts. In less than a month it has, he says, moved more than 1,000 copies.

Even within the jazz field this is an astonishing figure, given that customers tend to buy according to artist (or, in the case of some connoisseurs, by label).

Jazz Is: Vocals is due to be released in the fall, followed by *Jazz Is: Fresh* — a compilation of contemporary sounds.

If they prove to be even half as fine as *Jazz Is: Standards*, then they are well worth waiting for.

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Forward, march!

This morning, when the government finally approves Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai's choice to be the next IDF chief of general staff, the ugly political contest that tarnished the image of both senior politicians and the IDF will be over.

The political resentments and bad blood that remain will require the next CGS to bear the extra burden of proving himself worthy of the job — with no "honeymoon" period — in a position that is challenging enough under any circumstances. It will be time to look forward and tackle the very long list of tough tasks ahead.

Because of Israel's continuing need to defend itself against hostile neighbors, the role of the military within its society is virtually unique among the world's democratic nations. Indeed, it is hard to think of another democracy in which media attention could be as riveted on the question of the staffing of the military brass as it has been here in recent weeks.

The IDF, for all the blows it has suffered to its image since the glory days following the Six Day War, still commands the respect of a country that knows how much it owes and will continue to owe its brave young men and women in uniform. It cannot afford to miss a step in preparing for a possible war.

The military here is also expected to serve as the quintessential step in the process of absorbing immigrants from such disparate places as Russia and Ethiopia, and to be a "people's army" in the fullest sense — calling up much of the adult male population for reserve duty — while at the same time providing the political leadership with the highest standard of professional military advice.

It is precisely these factors that make the political scene one of the most difficult minefields that the new CGS will have to negotiate. Three fronts — the borders with Lebanon, Syria and the Palestinian Authority — are the subject of sensitive negotiations and political disputes. The latest Israeli offer to withdraw from the security zone in southern Lebanon on condition the government can provide security guarantees will be an immediate high priority item.

Any negotiations on the matter, as well as operative plans stemming from them, will obviously involve the IDF. Meanwhile, the daily battles in the security zone continue, and the responsibility for limiting casualties there will be on the CGS's shoulders.

The negotiations with Syria on the future of

the Golan Heights, now suspended, could be reactivated at any time. If and when that happens, the IDF's position on exactly how much of the Golan we could withdraw from without jeopardizing our security will once again entangle it in political matters.

The same could be said with regard to the redeployments in the West Bank and final-status negotiations with the PA. Security along the long borders with the PA, both in Gaza and the West Bank, is likely to be a major challenge throughout the tenure of the next CGS. A close relationship with the political leadership will be indispensable in these matters.

Beyond operational decisions, however, every CGS is also called upon to forge an overall strategic direction for the IDF. Armies in the West have in recent years undergone changes in strategic conception that are so far-reaching that some commentators have taken to talking about no less than a revolution in military affairs. This revolution is being built on a combination of advanced electronic information-gathering tools and precision munitions, promising that the heroes of future wars may be more likely to be sitting behind computer screens than in fortified trenches.

Assessing to what extent these concepts will fit Israel's needs and military challenges will be a task that the next CGS will have to face. Any related decisions will have far-reaching consequences. Such revolutions in armies do not come cheaply. And the security budget in coming years does not appear likely to be significantly increased.

This will only intensify the pressures on the IDF to curtail costs. Two expense-reducing actions that have been considered — personnel cuts and "outsourcing" many tasks, such as construction and food catering to private contractors — could lead to upheavals in the IDF's structure. Turning over key responsibilities such as home front preparations to civilian hands, another cost-cutting proposal, will also be a decision that will be difficult to make.

The above is only a partial list of the daunting tasks facing the CGS; there are other major issues, such as selecting personnel for key General Staff positions, and improving motivation among the nation's draftees.

Indeed, the most important skills that the new CGS will need are those he learned back in basic training: to carefully select his targets, lock in on them, and bravely march forward over all obstacles.

ALEX 98



Welcome the euro

HENRY KISSINGER

The recent historic decision of 11 European heads of state to create a European Monetary Union is likely to require major decisions on the part of the US before too much time has passed.

Failure of the EMU would end the project to which Europe has devoted the greater part of its political energies for nearly a decade. If it succeeds, the EMU will change the way financial flows operate and international institution function.

Even more important, since the European currency can only succeed in the context of political unification, the nature of that political unity will determine the future of North Atlantic cooperation.

Whatever the outcome, the process of forming the EMU will be dominated by two sets of conflicts: between France and Germany over whether the EMU is to open Europe to the global economy or to insulate it; between Britain (and Germany) and France over whether the unified Europe should stress Atlantic cooperation or challenge America's leadership. America has a major stake in an outcome stressing global economics and trans-Atlantic cooperation.

A paradox dominates either prospect. It is difficult to see how the European Monetary Union can succeed. It is even more difficult to imagine that it will be permitted to fail. How to navigate between these perplexities will become an increasing challenge to American foreign policy.

It is in the American — and ultimately also in the European — interest to sustain a new Atlantic partnership. Separated from Europe, America becomes an island off the shores of Eurasia, obliged to rely on a type of power politics with which its national genius is uncomfortable. Without America, Europe might become an object of currents erupting in the Asian or Islamic world, or revert to self-destructive nationalism.

The EMU faces nearly insuperable obstacles. On Jan. 1, 1999, the currencies of the 11 members of the EMU will be related to each other by fixed, immutable ratios. On Jan. 1, 2002, these currencies will be replaced by a new currency called the euro.

Starting next January, the monetary policy of the member states will be determined by the European Central Bank (ECB) whose chairman — theoretically — serves an eight-year term.

The role of the central bank will be both crucial and contradictory. By controlling monetary policy, it deprives the various European governments of much of their flexibility on fiscal policy. As their economies grow differentially, most adjustments will have to come in labor conditions, work hours and social contribution — the very areas most European countries have proved least willing to modify.

THOUGH often compared to the American Federal Reserve Bank, the ECB is quite a different animal. The Federal Reserve Bank was established after America had created its political institutions. Legally independent, a thoughtful Fed chairman nevertheless is in close touch with the Treasury Department, aware of the views of the president, sensitive to congressional currents. He does not have to follow their preferences, but he would be reckless to ignore them consistently.

By contrast, the ECB is free-standing without a political reference point. Its nonpolitical nature was modified at its founding by a gentlemen's agreement that the first chairman — from the Netherlands — will be replaced by the French central banker Jean-Claude Trichet after four years.

President Jacques Chirac explained the EMU's political realities: "We are in a system in Europe of nations where each nation defends its interests." And the perception of these interests is not uniform. The countries of northern Europe fear inflation more than recession; in southern Europe, these priorities are reversed.

It will prove difficult to harmonize 11 autonomous fiscal policies with a single monetary policy in expansionary times. During recessions, the task will become increasingly complex, and if various parts of Europe are in a different part of the business cycle, it may become

unmanageable. The United States has a single labor market and considerable labor mobility while, in Europe, there is little mobility even within each country and even less between the countries.

In a recession, the ECB is bound to be perceived in some countries as a major obstacle to their traditional role: To mitigate the impact of economic recession rather than to transcend them by enhancing competitiveness.

Especially the emerging Europe of socialist states will face an immediate dilemma. The European countries have not been able, within the existing parliamentary system, to reduce the social welfare programs that have blighted their competitiveness and compounded unemployment. Is the ECB to be the *deus ex*

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machina to bring about reform, or will the new Europe decide to maintain its safety nets and use the EMU to withdraw behind protectionist barriers relying on its own substantial market?

All this will drive the EMU either towards political union or towards disintegration. But the Europe resulting from the collapse of the EMU will be either extremely left-wing or extremely right-wing, or a combination of both.

THE prevention of such a debacle is in the American interest, but this by no means implies unconditional support for simply any form of European unification. The American interest is in a Europe open to transatlantic cooperation, not only verbally but also institutionally. This is all the more important because Atlantic relationships can be a way to mitigating the looming division of Europe between states within the EMU and those outside it.

I expect the EMU to succeed, at least initially, because the governments involved have no alternative. Therefore political union will increasingly move to the forefront of their agenda.

If EMU succeeds, its currency — the euro — will be strong if only because, otherwise, it will not be possible to keep Germany with its allergy to inflation within the system. And a strong euro will represent a political entity comparable to the United States in population, gross national product and foreign trade. It is therefore bound to become an alternative method of denominating commodity prices.

The voting pattern within international institutions such as the International Monetary Fund or World Bank will also be fundamentally affected because a united Europe will have a much larger percentage of the vote. That the interaction of two nearly equally powerful currencies is bound to transform the existing pattern is shown in the statements of eminent Europeans who so describe the euro as a means to overcome the "unfair unilateral advantage" enjoyed by the dollar's status as a reserve currency.

Traditional patterns of consultation will have to be modified as well. At the meeting of the heads of the major industrial nations (the G-7), Europe is now represented by five countries: France, Germany, Britain, Italy and the head of the European Commission. But the European Bank is absent. Who will speak for it? With whom will the United States consult to affect its decision?

The end of the political union of Europe will serve become of great consequence. Will Europe be a unitary federal state dominated by the new bureaucracy, or sufficiently confederal so that the existing states can influence its political decision? European statesmen have avoided

addressing this issue to avoid a controversy with the United States — preferably altogether, at a minimum prematurely.

But the issue is fundamental. The world owes much to Europe: the concepts of pluralistic democracy, human dignity and the separation of church and state. But Europe also originated a theory of statecraft whose emphasis on self-interest reached almost suicidal proportions. A Europe of such divergent states whose principal motive for political unification is to sustain its economic integration will have two political temptations: to withdraw from political responsibilities into the status of a super-Switzerland or as a mini-United Nations, delivering moral homilies and concentrating on economic competition.

Or else it could use its new strength to challenge United States preeminence by demonstrating the limitation of America's reach or competence. Both approaches, which might well merge, run counter to the Atlantic partnership of the past five decades.

Whether the emerging Europe results in a reinvigorated Atlantic relationship or in its gradual disintegration will depend on whether the British or French approach to Atlantic relations prevails, and on whether America can give a strong lead.

Britain clothes its disagreements in the mantle of consultation; France, by contrast, presents consultations as if they were confrontations and to make it seem as if French diplomacy has extracted from us what we might be quite prepared to offer. British leaders have conducted Atlantic relations into a zero sum game in which one side of the Atlantic or the other is bound to have the upper hand.

In an alliance of some 16 states such as NATO, French tactics can be melded into a wider consensus. In a two-power Atlantic world, they could lead to mounting estrangement. This is why a confederal outcome to European integration preserving some role for the traditional states, at least in the political field, is more compatible with Atlantic cooperation than a rush toward a centralized federal system.

AMERICA has every reason to welcome Europe's emerging identity, but it also has every reason to seek to maintain the possibility of enhanced cooperation in the post-Cold War period.

This has the following implications for American policy:

1) The American tendency to advocate European integration mechanically simply because a more powerful partner is more likely to share our burdens is quite unhelpful. It is equally possible for Europe to unify to avoid sharing our burdens. With respect to the emerging Europe, the common purposes cannot be taken for granted and must be fostered deliberately by acts of statesmanship.

2) Since the end of the Cold War, American policy oscillating between indifference and imperialism has treated Europe as an auxiliary for material assistance or as a photo opportunity rather than as a genuine partner in a global design.

The administration has been torn between a nostalgia for concentrating on domestic problems and for collective security arrangements eroding the special Atlantic partnership. It has been extremely reluctant to define even what it understands by Europe, often implying that it includes the entire area up to the Afghan and Chinese borders. This is why it has avoided the most important argument for NATO expansion — that it is a means to unify the Europe of the Cold War with the Europe which was its victim — and to relate both parts of Europe to America.

3) American policy should give a new dimension to the political aspects of the Atlantic relationship. The idea of a North Atlantic Free Trade Area should be pushed as a symbol of that vision.

4) Most important is a definition of purpose. It has become axiomatic to assert that there is no longer one overriding threat. But it would be ironic if the democracies preaching the spread of their political institutions around the world did not find it possible to articulate common purposes for a world of change.

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Milo's madness

DAVID WEINBERG

I wish Romi Milo good health, long life and many years of frustration and neglect, wasting away in the political wilderness.

No, I'm not envious of the new anti-haredim political party Milo declared into existence this week, nor will I choose him for prime minister. Milo's unavowed anti-clerical campaign is bad for the political system, cynically dishonest, and unnecessarily inflammatory.

In establishing the new splinter movement, Milo is attempting to ride the wave of political fragmentation that characterized the last elections, when half-a-dozen small factions snatched the strength out of the two big parties.

Milo's move will further destabilize and corrode our weakened political system. Especially since these fly-by-night political initiatives usually don't succeed; when they do, they don't last long; and if they endure, it's generally for the self-aggrandizement of their founding politicians, with whatever ideology failing to the wayside.

Moshe Dayan's Telim party won two seats in 1981, then disappeared. Dini for Ezer Weizmann's Yisrael in 1984. Meirav failed to clear the parliamentary threshold in 1988, as did Yitzhak Moda'i's Liberal faction in 1992. The Third Way captured four seats in 1994, but I think that's because they worked with the traditional public, not against it; and besides, where's the ideology today?

Only sectoral parties, like the Russians or Shas, have succeeded in Israeli politics of the last 15 years, not the so-called centrist movements crafted by hungry political hacks or starry-eyed ideologues.

Milo's political charlatanism

His maverick anti-clerical campaign is bad for the political system, cynically dishonest, and unnecessarily inflammatory

doesn't gain my respect. When it was convenient, few politicians were more right wing than he. (Remember when he accused the nascent Peace Now movement of being a CIA-sponsored group?) Now he's collecting disgruntled Meretz's, Vilna's and others left out of one or another political/military framework; jumping ship in Tel Aviv, where his record is thin, and his reelection wasn't a certainty; and seeking to capitalize on base anti-religious passions, without offering any realistic approaches one might expect from a leader.

Milo knows perfectly well that no conceivable political leadership set of the coming years is going to be able or willing to ram army service down the throats of the haredim. And while religious-secular frictions over rabbinic excesses and blasphemous striptease dance acts aren't going to disappear, the much-ballyhooed "culture war" just isn't.

We're really not close to being at war with each other, and shouldn't talk at each other like enemies do. Most people live and work in this country next to and beside others who are very different from them, socially and religiously, without taking knives into the street.

At a time when so many public, educational and volunteer associations are running thousands of successful dialogue groups for religious-secular understanding — Milo wants secular Israel to instead man the barricades. When true moderates in Labor, Likud, the Third Way, NRP and elsewhere are seeking consensus within diversity and the drafting of a new social contract — Milo is cultivating jingoist intolerance.

To top it all off, I'm convinced that Milo's political calculus is skewed. Just how many Meretz-style campaigns and parties can succeed in one election? We've now got Sarid, Barak and Milo offering us "go-get-the-haredim" bumper stickers. The overkill will work against them, and scare away, not attract, moderate secular right-wingers, I think.

And consider this: If Milo forces a second ballot in the race for prime minister, Bibi will have the advantage. I have the sense that in a second round of voting the haredim will work a lot harder for Bibi than the Arabs will work for Barak. (Remember, the vote for parties in Knesset already will have been settled.) So you have to wonder whether Milo has calculated correctly, beyond his personal ambition, the benefits of his candidacy for the political Left.

But still, you say, Milo is tapping into a deep-rooted resentment among many Israelis, centrist religious people too, against the growing brazenness and political power of radical rabbis and ultra-orthodox politicians. What to do? I say let's try Labor-Likud national unity, a political configuration that might do us quite some good in peace diplomacy and economic affairs too.

But where would that leave poor Romi?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A DIFFERENT COUNTRY

Sir, — I don't know where Daniel Doron ("A fatal encounter, April 23) lives — I don't recognize his country.

I live in Israel, a country founded mostly by socialists who set up stockades and towers with pitifully few people, against an Arab world poised to destroy us. United, we stood a better chance of surviving than if we had brought in single families of gentiles, who had never fired a rifle, never milked a cow, never planted wheat. In short, people who could not put food in their mouths by their own efforts.

The early settlers in Israel recognized the fact that only agricultural and army training could prepare them for the morrow.

That we succeeded in spite of people like Daniel Doron is a testament to the tenacity of the socialist ideal. That socialism has failed is not entirely true. Today we have its legacy in the Kibbutz, the Histadrut, the kibbutzim, the moshavim, the list is endless, subscribing in part to their ideals.

We live in a different world, as I am sure David Ben-Gurion and Chaim Weizmann would be the first to agree. But their vision

paved the way.

Times have changed, socialism has given way all over the Western world to a mixed bag of welfare state, private enterprise, capitalism and human rights. But the French and Russian revolutions lit the flame, and socialism plays an underlying role even today.

That I cannot subscribe with enthusiasm to the 50 anniversary of our beloved state is because the present government of Daniel Doron is now in power. But that too will pass.

MIRIAM LAHAV
Jerusalem.

DISGUSTED AND SAD

Sir, — As an Orthodox Jew wearing a knitted kippa I felt disgusted and very sad reading Jonathan Rosenblum's column "A moment of silence" (April 29). Are there no limits at all how far he wants to go defending the haredim's not standing in silence in commemoration of the Holocaust victims and our fallen soldiers and terror victims?

"Moments of silence," Mr. Rosenblum writes, "...ape the mourning practices of other nations," something, Mr. Rosenblum says, we Jews are not allowed to.

If Mr. Rosenblum had studied our sages' commentaries to this

very week's Torah portion (Aharei), he would have learned that "you may imitate... everything which has been adopted by [the nations] on rational grounds and not on grounds which belong to their religion or are immoral" (R' Hirsch/Horeb para. 505). Two minutes of silence in commemoration of our deceased and loved ones has nothing to do with religion and is not immoral. Such a moment of silence is just *Derech Eret*, (common courtesy, respect).

"Why waste precious moments, each of which is a gift and an opportunity?" Mr. Rosenblum further asks. This argument is incred-

ible. Are the haredim (most of them actually non-working) so busy that during the year they cannot "waste" altogether four minutes in honor of the Jewish people's martyrs and fallen sons and daughters?

If the haredim would "imitate" the custom of a moment of silence, accepted by all civilized nations around the world, they would also perform the cardinal mitzva of *Kiddush Hashem* (sanctifying the God's name). But, obviously, the haredim are not interested in such an act.

BENT SCHALIMTZKE
Ra'anana.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On May 10, 1933, The Palestine Post reported that a large Tel Aviv gathering heard Mayor Dizengoff's impassioned protests against the German Nazi regime.

50 years ago: On May 10, 1948, The Palestine Post reported that the Palestine government wanted Jerusalem to be put under the Red Cross flag and had snubbed UN Truce Councils. The

Egyptian infiltration into Palestine was reported and the Arabs cut off Jerusalem's water supply. Long queues of souvenir hunters and stamp collectors crowded Jerusalem's post office to buy the new Jewish state stamps for the first time.

The Palestine Post started a daily series reproducing Theodor Herzl's *The Jewish State*. 25 years ago: On May 10,

1973, The Jerusalem Post reported the warning given by Defence Minister Moshe Dayan who announced that if the Syrian Army moved into the Lebanon and faced Israel on a new border Israel would consider themselves free to act, but wouldn't be policemen of the Arabs or defend the sovereignty of Lebanon.

Alexander Zvielli

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Money for (historic) kitsch

AT THE AUCTIONS

Well, even kitsch becomes valuable if you keep it long enough. Just take a look at the catalog of Sotheby's Tel Aviv sales of early Bezalel School and craft shop memorabilia scheduled for tomorrow and its "Early Israeliana and 1000 Years of Zionism" to be offered on Tuesday.

Nobody will claim that Bezalel founder Boris Schatz and the teachers at his Jerusalem arts and crafts school were outstanding immortals. But their sculptures, cutouts, silversmithing and craft productions are items of historical interest, and even the worst of their "Bezalel Ware" is now worth money. Some modest sets are now being valued at several thousands of dollars and rugs at even more. A silver menorah by Shmuel Kretzmer has an optimistic estimate of \$60,000-\$80,000. A silver filigree spice container by Yehia Yemini, who entered the Bezalel workshops at age 12, has an estimate of \$6,000-\$8,000. Kitch ceramic tiles, kiddush beakers, silver mounted Bibles and Torah finials are among the Bezalel lots. A set of 20 papercuts by teacher Meir Gur-Arie are estimated between \$25,000-\$30,000.

Among the Israeliana to be sold on Tuesday are paintings, knick-knacks and posters. There's a very fine watercolor by the young Avigdor Arlikha of the dining hall at Ma'aleh Hahamisha in 1947 (\$2,000-\$3,000). The catalog doesn't say so, but shortly after painting this work, Arlikha, a Palmah volunteer, survived being hit in the chest by four machine-gun bullets. Among the portraits is a 1923 lithograph of the young Albert Einstein by Hermann Struck (\$1,500-\$2,000).

Sotheby's sale of Photography of the Middle East, the Holy Land and Israel: 1850-1998, to take place at their Tel Aviv auction rooms on Wednesday, is choice-a-bloc with wonderful images, ranging from early ones by Bonfils, Soskin, Moshe Raviv-Vorobeichic, Shmuel Schweig and Mandowsky of the Twenties to those of Herbert Sonnenfeld, Tim Gidal, Boris Carmi and other photographers of the Thirties and Forties. Contemporary photographers are also well represented. Most of the photography is documentary and historically valuable, but there are also art items like those of the imaginative Pesi Girsch.

Signed prints are around \$1,000 and up, some around \$4,000, with a few documentary sets going well into five figures.

THE SHORESHIM (Roots) Gallery at Tel Aviv's Rehov Pinsker is auctioning Israeli paintings and drawings tomorrow, together with a number of lots of silverware and assorted bric-a-brac. But the tiny, poorly organized illustrated catalog offers little guidance as to the quality of the works, even by names such as Rubin, Stematsky, Wexler, Giladi, Frenkel and others.

DOZENS OF major paintings, some of them masterpieces, surface at Sotheby's New York sale of Impressionist and Modern Art on May 13-14, which promises to be one of the auctions of the decade. It features, among many other notable items, 10 works from the collection of Rolf and Margit Weinberg of Zurich: Gustave Courbet's famous romantic portrait *Jo, La Belle Irlandaise* (one of four versions of redhead Jo Heffernan, model and mistress of Whistler), modestly estimated between \$2 - \$3 million; two early Picassos, one an amazing watercolor study for the *Demoiselles* (\$150,000-\$200,000) and a Blue Period oil (\$3m.-\$5m.); a fabulous 1912 portrait, *Jewish Girl*, by Alexei von Jawlensky (\$500,000-\$700,000); and works by Frantisek Kupka, Oskar Schlemmer, Natalie Gontcharova, Theo van Doesburg and Fernand Leger. The Weinberg consignment is expected to bring \$10m.

Apres le Bain, oils, 1896, a *chef d'oeuvre* by Edgar Degas, one of several painted from his own photograph of a model, is a delicious, superbly composed and freely painted canvas of a nude on a towel, seen from the back, which comes from the estate of Wendell Cherry with a not surprising estimate of \$6m.-\$8m. This work is perhaps the most painterly of all its versions, thinly handled, with much semi-dry brushing and scumbling.

Claude Monet's *Le Grand Canal*, painted in Venice in 1908, has a hefty estimate of \$8m.-\$10m. and a Signac of Venice will go over \$1m. Vincent van Gogh's little and late oil of a vase of flowers, 1890, will certainly fetch more than its lower estimate of \$4m. Renoir's *Gabrielle* (\$3m.-\$4m.) and his *Bathers* (\$2.5m.-\$3.5m.) are not his most subtle oils. Two wild Picasso portraits of Dora Maar made during the "phony war" of 1939 have estimates of \$3m.-\$4m. and \$2.5m.-\$3.5m. This sale includes superb pic-



Gustave Courbet (1819-87): Jo, 'La Belle Irlandaise,' oils, 1865 (\$2m.-\$3m. at Sotheby's New York)



Shmuel Yosef Schweig: 'Jerusalem's Jewish Quarter,' the 20s (Sotheby's Tel Aviv, \$1,200-\$1,500)

tures by Pissarro, Monet, Rodin, Matisse, Delvaux, Dufy, Bonnard and others. Another 170 lots are offered in Part Two, many of them consigned by New York's Weintraub Gallery, which has closed its doors after half a century of operations.

An eye-catcher in Part Two is an early high-color port scene painted by Auguste Herbin (1882-1960) in Corsica in 1907, which comes

from the collection of Francis E. Fowler and originally purchased by the discerning Paul Cassier before he left to fight for imperial Germany. This joyous Fauvist painting gives no indication that Herbin eventually became France's leading geometrical abstractionist (\$100,000-\$150,000).

A famously lovely oil of a Somme estuary village and hillside by Degas, painted around 1896 and once owned by J. Paul Getty, has an estimate of \$150,000-\$200,000. Its mixture of drawing and painting is superb.

SOTHEBY'S TWO-PART sale of Contemporary Art in New York on May 14/15 has good examples of all the Americans you can think of, plus notable works by Basquiat, Kiefer, Hockney (now a Californian) Eva Hesse and Frank Auerbach. A huge and dramatic 1971 abstracted landscape reflected in a heart-shaped "mirror" by Jim Dine has an estimate of \$200,000-\$300,000.

A WONDERFUL Franz Kline, black ink on paper, circa 1956, is one of the great images in Christie's sale of 20th century Works on Paper to be held in New York May 13 (\$50,000-\$70,000). An early guitar abstraction by Picasso in watercolor and pencil has an estimate of \$140,000-\$180,000. In its London sale of 20th

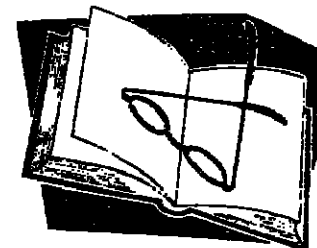
century Art on May 20, Christie's is offering a boldly painted standing mobile by Alexander Calder made in 1969 (\$50,000-\$80,000) and a splendidly dramatic Soulages oil in black and blue (\$50,000-\$70,000). Christie's Irish Sale in London on May 22 features a full-length William Orpen portrait of Edna May (Mrs. Oscar Levisohn), who wears the saddest expression I have ever seen in a painting anywhere (\$80,000-£120,000).

OILS BY 19th and early 20th century American painters did remarkably well at Sotheby's New York on April 23. Only 46 of the 178 lots went unsold and many works went way over their most optimistic estimates. An Alfred Maurer landscape went for eight times its estimate at \$178,500; two oils by William Merritt Chase went at three times their estimates, the best at \$134,500; and a fine little abstraction by Stanton Macdonald-Wright doubled its estimate at \$48,875. A lovely beach scene by Robert Henri went for over four times its estimate at \$46,000.

INEVITABLY, AUCTIONS have reached the Internet. Engel Auctions (the Engel Gallery, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv), have opened an auction website (www.engel-art.co.il) for bids to be accepted daily between May 17-21. Works by Gutman, Ticho, Ardou, Castel, Palumbo and others can be seen at this website. The real-time daily auction will take place between 6-8 p.m.

In pursuit of happiness

Book Review



By Malcolm L. Johnson

The Half-Life of Happiness, by John Casey (Knopf, \$25, \$13 pp.)

From the spare, muscular account of the life passage of a Rhode Island working-class able seaman/boatbuilder, the National Book Award-winning *Spartina*, John Casey has turned to a plumper, softer, apparently much more autobiographical account of a middle-age, upper-middle-class lawyer/congressional candidate from Charlottesville, Virginia.

The Half-Life of Happiness is a big family novel, told mostly from the viewpoint of Mike Reardon, but with other voices too - those of Mike's daughter, Edith, and his wife, Joss. Yet this time, Casey seems too close to - and too distant from - his people. This is a skillful, often funny but also rueful book, set in two time frames.

Most of *Half-Life* takes place in the 1970s when Mike and Joss are still comparatively young. These sections of the book depict a happiness that comes to a sudden end with a suicide, departures of close friends, the breakup of a marriage.

But the present of the '70s, when Edith and her younger sister, Nora, are children, is periodically interrupted by the older sister, as an adult, reflecting on the past.

The final section of the book, "Twenty Years After," occurs in Edith's grown-up present, when Mike is in his declining years.

Like Mike, Casey is an Irish-American who lives in Charlottesville, where he teaches at the University of Virginia. Casey has a law background and also served in the Navy and as a congressional staff member in Washington. Both naval and political service figure in Mike's background as well.

If elements of the book are clearly drawn from the author's life, some things in the novel feel false, or at least terribly sketchy.

While the characters in the foreground - Mike, Joss and her aristocratic mother, Mrs. Rogers, the two girls, then and now - are fully fleshed out, the supporting cast is less well realized.

At the start of the book, before the Reardons split up, Mike is

depicted as the jovial master of the manor. He, Joss, Edith and Nora inhabit a converted factory above the Rivanna River; their married but childless friends, Edmond (a naturalist) and Evelyn (a veterinarian), live in a cottage on the property; and Tyler (an English teacher at the University of Virginia) holes up in a bungalow, also part of the lordly Reardon domain.

Friends in the Reardon inner circle, taking supper at the communal table, are Ganny (a black woman lawyer colleague of Mike's) and Bundy (a sometimes pugilistic artist).

In time, Tyler introduces a slender, flirtatious beauty named Bonnie into the club, but by then paradise is lost.

Bundy, whom we hardly got to know, has killed himself with a shotgun. Hemingway-style. Then Bonnie - or Bonnie One, as she comes to be known - splits Mike and Joss apart. Though she has played with Mike, it is Joss who becomes the object of her desires.

None of the secondary characters, who also include the black boxer Ezra Pritchett and his crafty wheezing-dealing uncle, Emmanuel, both clients of Mike, is drawn with as much multidimensionality as the people encountered by the protagonist of *Spartina*.

But the most intriguing folks in Mike's life are the women.

Joss, a maker of humorous, sometimes parodistic short films, stands out as the most engaging character by far. Her trademark use of famous movie clichés in appropriate situations shows that Casey knows his pictures. Joss is thorny and sardonic, yet so in love with Bonnie One that she hyperventilates when she watches the light of her life climbing a university tower with a sturdy adventurer named Fiona, who later becomes involved with Mike.

The second intriguingly drawn woman is the so-called Bonnie Two, a flaky psychologist-singer Mike takes on as a client, a confessor and ultimately as a lover. Bonnie Two becomes a key cog in Mike's election campaign after he is drafted for a virtually unwinnable run against an entrenched Republican incumbent.

The scenes from political life drive the book's second half, after its sometimes comic but often overstuffed one-man's family opening, which includes a long lecture by Edmond on male orangutans.

The sharpest moments in the domestic passages come with Casey's depiction of Mike as an authority on everything, much to the amusement of the glassy-eyed recipients of his wisdom. (The Hartford Courant)



Yoel Bergner: 'Jewish Wedding' (\$8,000-\$12,000 at Ben Ami, Dan Tel Aviv, May 16).

Operation accountability for former Soviet states

Earthly Concerns



By D'vora Ben Shaul

Only over the past few months have a number of European countries begun talking about a subject that has been almost taboo till now: the responsibility of the CIS states for the legacy of environmental hazards left behind by the crumbling USSR, hazards that affect the lives and well-being of people worldwide.

During the years since the breakup of the once-massive Soviet Union we have become privy to a great deal of information, much of it shocking.

For example, no one should be surprised by Norway's serious concern over the submarine carrying plutonium-laden warheads that is lying under the sea a few miles off that country's coast; recent inspection shows that the casings of these missiles are seriously eroded, liable to disintegrate at any moment.

Were plutonium, which is highly soluble in seawater, to spill into the waters of this great and rich fishing area it would almost certainly destroy the entire marine food chain over an area of many hundreds of square miles, probably damaging a large proportion of the world's sea-based food supply.

The warheads are too far gone to even consider trying to lift them from the sea; and while there are plans to try to encase them in a sarcophagus made of a special concrete that sets under water, a lot of problems remain - like how to get a proper layer of the cement to go under the crumbling weapons.

Marine engineers are still locked in debate over whether it is advisable to dig under the missiles, or to try to shift them ever so gently onto a prepared concrete floor before enclosure. In any case the project is going to cost many millions of dollars, and the Western nations are the ones that are going to have to pay.

Of course, there's really nothing new about this. Vast sums are being spent by international agencies, all funded by the so-called capitalist countries, to shore up crumbling nuclear reactors in the former USSR and its satellite

countries before all of them go the way of Chernobyl.

But not only has there been, until now, no mention of the former USSR - now called the CIS - shouldering any responsibility; having created the problems, the Russians and other CIS states seem to feel it simply isn't their concern.

More than that Norwegian scientists have been coming up against continual bureaucratic snags that prevent them from even getting to the missiles in order to study the problem. Long obsessed with secrecy, the Russians simply don't want foreigners messing about on their coastline.

It is well-known that these states are bankrupt. Well, so was Germany at the end of World War II - but as soon as it was financially sound, the German people got a hefty bill.

The USSR also lost a costly war, the Cold War, and more and more people are beginning to feel that just as soon as the countries that comprised it are able, they should be made to pay for damage done - whether it was building shoddy reactors, concealing evidence of serious mishaps like the sunken submarine, or illegal whaling carried out over decades with ships so contrived as to create a vapor cloud that made satellite photos impossible. (This play invalidated years of information on whaling and whale populations; the multi-millions of dollars spent on research were simply wasted.)

Right now the West has no choice. Out of pure self-defense it must address the problems and try its best to prevent disaster. In the end, however, the countries that created those problems will have to be made to pick up the tab.

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Encyclopedic info – from Abdomen to Zygote

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

The World Book Medical Encyclopedia, 1998 updated and expanded eighth edition, Chicago, World Book Inc., 1,070 pages, NIS 279 from The Jerusalem Post's Book Department or from World Book's Israel representative at POB 4364, Jerusalem, 91043

What would you say if you were diagnosed with ankylosing spondylitis, azotemia, caudalgia, a persistent Meckel's diverticulum, fifth disease, intermittent claudication, lichen planus, sarcoidosis, syndactyly, velopharyngeal insufficiency or Vincent's infection?

Besides reaching for an ice bag and an aspirin, you'd be best advised to look up these medical mouthfuls in *The World Book Medical Encyclopedia*, which lists nearly every condition known to man – plus many more medical and scientific terms – in a readable, digestible form.

This hefty volume, which – according to my bathroom scale – weighs about three kilos – can be read at one's leisure, page by illustrated page, or consulted when you're puzzled by a specific term used in a newspaper or magazine or tossed off, without further explanation, by your physician.

Thoughtfully produced in large type and with black tabs printed with bunches of letters at a time, it is chock full of illustrations – drawings, charts and photographs in black-and-white or color.

Beginning with abdomen and ending with zygote, the volume has a cornucopia of entries. The majority of them are explained succinctly and clearly. Others, such as AIDS, hypertension, melanoma and ulcers (peptic), include not only a definition, but also questions and answers that get to the heart of the matter.

Not everything is there: for example, if you want to know whether ringworm infections spread by human-to-human contact, you'll have to look elsewhere. It certainly isn't meant for medical students or physicians, but is written for the layman. Although it's aimed at an American or European audience, it is well suited to English-speaking Israelis, except for the use of feet and yards instead of the metric system, and the names of some medications not available here.

When certain subjects demand it, the encyclopedia goes into great detail, such as "Baby Care." Here, there are diagrams of necessary equipment, explanations about feeding and illustrations of recommended baby garments. There is even detailed advice on breast-feeding, wrapping and washing the baby and – if not made obsolete by disposables – how to diaper a baby with a cloth diaper.

The entry on "The Child" describes the preschool, early school, early teenage and teenage years, each with their own characteristics of development and potential problems.

Under "Childbirth: Emergency Delivery," the encyclopedia

explains how to help a baby into this world, even if you're not a doctor, midwife or ambulance driver.

The section on "Choking," with excellent, step-by-step illustrations, is very helpful, especially in Israel, where the health authorities fail to teach every citizen the Heimlich Maneuver, which can save lives by popping a foreign body out of a windpipe. The section on "Death" gives details on death certificates and funeral directors, while that on "Care of the Dying" discusses the actual moment of death and how to comfort the bereaved – subjects not often discussed in material for the general public.

Another helpful topic is "Hospitalization," in which readers are told what to expect when they reach an emergency room; the information is largely valid in Israeli hospitals as well.

A large section – nearly a chapter's length, is given to "Nursing the Chronically Ill." One learns about arranging the bedroom and bedside, dealing with confusion and hysteria, feeding, use of bedpans, preventing pressure sores, sponge baths, taking temperatures and turning the patient.

Five appendices covering the last 130 pages of the volume are refreshing: they include charts of related symptoms (most useful when two or more symptoms are present) such as painful joints with swelling in several joints and without fever can be arthritis, osteoarthritis or psoriasis, while painful joints with swelling and backache can be signs of ulcerative



A step-by-step illustrated guide on first aid for drowning victims is one of the sections in 'The World Book Medical Encyclopedia.'



colitis or ankylosing spondylitis. Appendix II has a pictorial index of symptoms, organ by organ,

while Appendix III gives age-by-age charts of symptoms and diseases, from birth to old age.

Appendix IV explains nutrition and exercise information to maintain health, while the final appendix is

devoted to coping with ageing. Read this encyclopedia in good health.

Chocolate can send racehorses off the track

By HOLLY WAGNER

Chocolate may be a harmless treat for humans, but it could land a competitive racehorse into trouble with officials. Researchers at Ohio State University found that three horses fed a vending-pack of M&M's chocolate-coated peanuts every day for eight days showed detectable concentrations of the stimulants caffeine and theobromine – substances that are banned for horses that compete in races.

"We would advise that trainers avoid feeding chocolate to racehorses," said Richard Sams, professor of veterinary medicine at Ohio State.

Caffeine and theobromine are banned for racehorses because they have been thought to give horses a competitive edge in races. Trainers whose horses test positive for these substances can lose their winnings and have their horse disqualified.

However, Sams said he doubts the amounts of caffeine and theobromine found in the horses he tested would have given the animals a real advantage over other horses. Sams began the research, which was published recently in the *Journal of Analytical Toxicology*, after a Florida racehorse trainer sent a horse's urine sample to Ohio State for testing when another lab found caffeine in the sample. Sams said the trainer questioned if the M&M's he fed the horse caused the positive findings.

The chocolate in a vending machine bag of peanut M&M's contains six milligrams of caffeine and about 50 milligrams of theobromine. Both substances stay in a horse's system longer than a human's.

"This study helped us learn the way horses eliminate drugs, and by extension the way all animals eliminate drugs," Sams said.

While caffeine is a central nervous system stimulant in horses, as it is in humans, it would take several grams of caffeine to affect the performance of a 400-kilo racehorse, he added.

Sams and Timothy Dyke, a senior researcher in veterinary medicine, fed three mares each 20 peanut M&M's – the average amount found in a vending-machine pack – on a daily basis. This allowed the researchers to determine accurate concentrations of both caffeine and theobromine in the horses. Urine sam-

ples taken five to six hours after eating M&M's on the eighth day of feeding showed caffeine concentrations around 0.05 parts per million and theobromine concentrations at about 9.5 parts per million, enough to show up using current testing methods and enough to disqualify a horse.

"Caffeine and theobromine in these concentrations probably do not physically affect horses," Sams said. Four days later, any trace of caffeine was undetectable

while theobromine concentrations were extremely low – about 0.75 parts per million.

The Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI), the association for many regulatory agencies for horse racing in the U.S., classifies caffeine as one of the drugs that has the greatest likelihood of affecting performance.

"Virtually every drug is prohibited under the rules," Sams said. "The ARCI drug classification

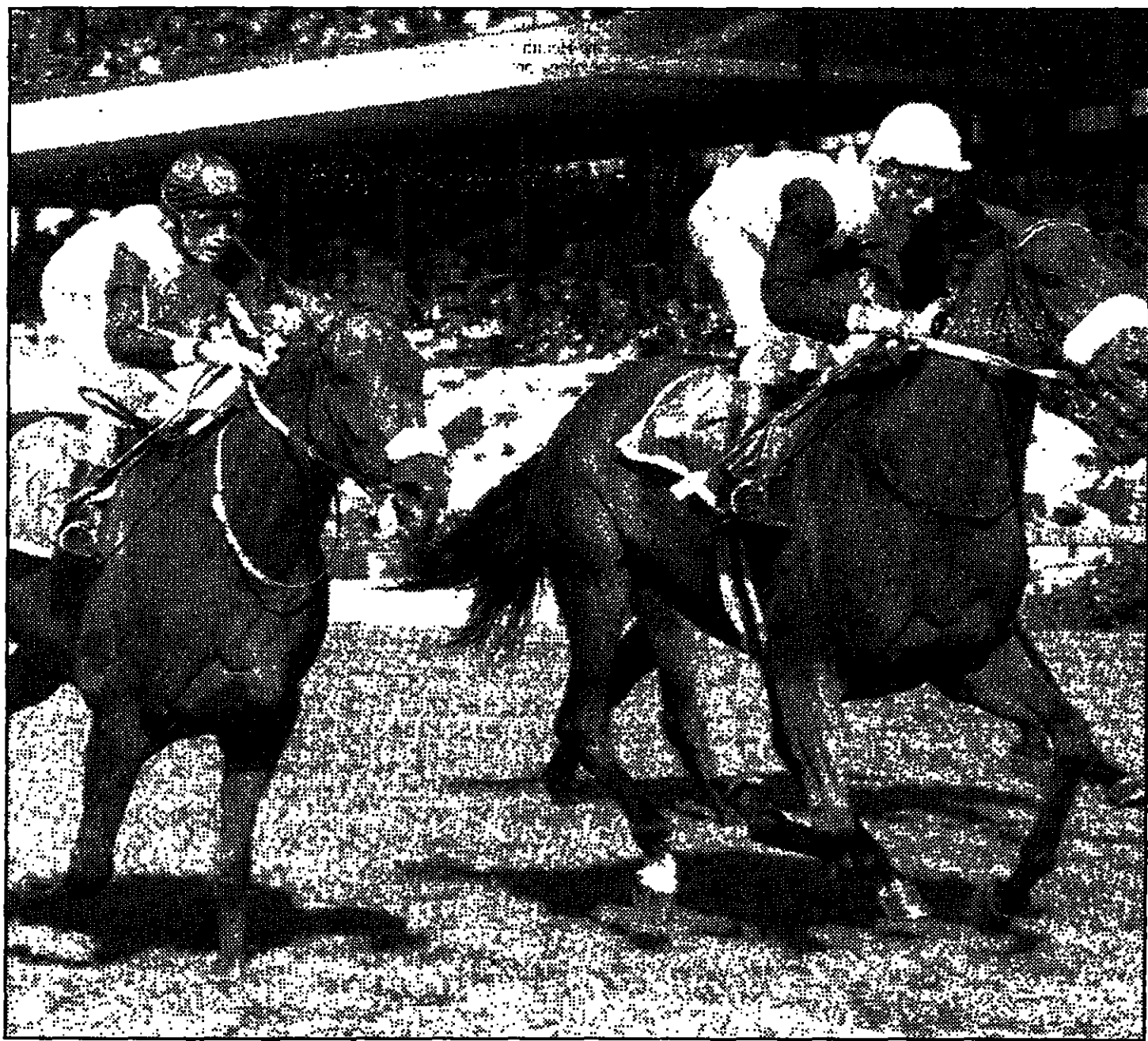
system gives officials who generally have little knowledge of pharmacology some guidance as to what kind of penalties to impose.

"Yet racing regulators are beginning to realize horse racing is not well-served by issuing positive reports for drugs that are present in concentrations that can't reasonably be expected to affect performance in any way," he added.

While officials are gaining knowledge about drug concentrations and becoming more com-

fortable with making decisions about penalties, the rule remains that any foreign substance in a sample collected from a horse is a violation. "Although the Florida trainer was eventually exonerated, he may have spent a few thousand dollars on testing," Sams said. "There's no guarantee that another racing commission won't penalize someone for the same kind of infraction."

(OSU News Research Archive/ Frontiers Magazine)



Trainers who want to feed their horses a snack would do best to stick to treats that don't contain caffeine or theobromine – they can always eat the M&M's themselves. (Brian Hendler)

San Francisco gorilla finds Internet a jungle

By ANDREW QUINN

Koko, a 120-kilo gorilla, logged on to the Internet recently – and clearly was not impressed. During what was billed as the world's first "inter-species" on-line chat, Koko was far more interested in her toy alligator and dreams of dinner than in answering a barrage of questions from thousands of eager humans.

"I like drinks," Koko said, in one of her more lucid comments during the 45-minute dialogue, "...apple drink."

Koko's foray into the high-tech world of Internet chatrooms was sponsored by America Online and EnviroLink, which together with

the Gorilla Foundation near San Francisco set up the event to publicize the plight of the world's great apes.

Lowland gorillas like Koko are threatened by logging and poaching in their native habitats in central Africa, while their cousins, the mountain gorillas, now number fewer than 500 in the wild.

Koko, who is 26 years old, was seen as the obvious on-line ambassador for her species. Raised and trained near San Francisco, she has studied modified American Sign Language for 25 years and is now said to understand some 2,000 words of spoken English.

Unfortunately, few of these were put into play during

Monday's discussion. "Lips," Koko said, using her codeword for woman. "Koko loves lips."

Dr. Francine Patterson, Koko's tutor and translator, said Koko's relative IQ was about 86 and that she reacts to many situations much like a human child. She dismissed one question about a fellow gorilla with the pithy "toilet" – which Patterson said is her word for "bad."

Koko's laconic approach to the Internet was frustrating for the human chatters, who peppered her with questions ranging from her opinions on Darwinian Theory to her views on the new movie version of *King Kong*.

She did manage one shocker – demanding "food and smokes"

for her birthday – but Patterson said Koko was tobacco-free and was really asking for her former pet, a kitten named Smokey.

Kevin Connelly, a spokesman for the Gorilla Foundation, said the cyberchat had gone as well as could be expected and that Koko had actually been cut off at times because the human assistant entering her responses could not type fast enough.

"She was responding to stuff longer than was typed in. The interface was a problem," Connelly said, adding that the event had been filmed and a more complete transcript of Koko's remarks would be made available.

He said that initial estimates

indicated as many as 20,000 people logged on to talk to Koko, and that the session had been a success.

"Koko seemed responsive and chatty," Connelly said. "We're happy and we had a lot of media coverage. We hope it gets the message out there about what is happening to the gorillas."

Koko herself seemed unimpressed. After a stop-and-go conversation during which Patterson reported that Koko paused to clean up her room, play with her toys and gaze out the window, the gorilla finally pulled the plug on her Internet audience with a short, sharp command.

"Lights off. Good," Koko said. (Reuters)

AFRICA IN MANHATTAN

Meanwhile, the American Museum of Natural History in New York is this month opening an African jungle, which comes to life on the city's West Side.

The large hall consists of a tree-by-tree, leaf-by-leaf recreation of an African environment, created with help from two dozen ornithologists, mammalogists, designers, audiovisual technicians and exhibition specialists.

According to *Popular Science* magazine, the experts spent five weeks on an expedition to an African rain forest and brought back soil, plants and leaves; they also recorded and documented species, made casts of trees, shot video and still photos and interviewed indigenous peoples.

Plaster trees have been painted and brought to fill the former hall of invertebrates; a real stream has been fashioned; and

BUSINESS PLANNING

MacMillan Blodell Packaging, North America's largest company for the production of wood products and paper, has bought the Israeli computerized system called e-Plan in a deal worth NIS 7 million.

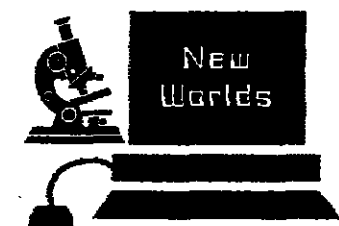
MacMillan is one of the world's largest producers of sawdust, wood processed for engineering uses, newsprint, wooden floors and wall coverings, with annual sales of \$4 billion. To improve its planning functions, it has purchased e-Plan, which was developed by Eventus Logistics, a Ramat Gan company, in collaboration with Numetrix, a company in Canada.

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It forecasts and plans sales for manufacturers and marketers and helps determine the level of inventory, production, production deadlines and purchase of raw materials, as well as distribution and financial readiness. Eventus says the system can significantly increase a company's profits even when it is first implemented.

The Negev 'Science Experience'



By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

The Negev will finally get a "Science Experience" of its own. Directors of the 12 largest science museums in the world and the deputy president of the Rashi Foundation, Arnold St. Paul, came to Beersheba recently to help plan the Educational Science Museum, which will be located on the campus of Ben-Gurion University.

The coordinator of the planning workshop, Yehiel Admoni, said partners in the project will be the Education Ministry, Rashi Foundation, Beersheba Municipality and BGU.

It is part of the effort to bring the population, especially the youth, closer to science and technology and indirectly to create manpower resources for high-tech industry, which is expected to transform the Negev. It is also expected to make the area more attractive to tourists.

BGU president Avishay Braverman said the "Negev Science Experience" will bolster ties between the university and the community, not only symbolically, but also physically, because of its location on campus.

During the three-day symposium of science museum directors, various ideas were discussed on how to integrate the concepts of a museum, an institution for supplementary education, a hands-on science experience and a tourist attraction.

Among the participants in the seminar were directors of science museums in New York, Vancouver, Ontario, Amsterdam, Helsinki and Barcelona, as well as the director of San Francisco's famed Exploratorium.

Israel was represented by staff members of its existing science museums (in Jerusalem and Haifa), the Education Ministry, the Academy of Sciences, BGU and the Beersheba Municipality, and private experts in the field.

preserved animals have been installed to "populate" the area.

Special lighting is intended to give the scene a realistic effect, with loudspeakers producing jungle sounds. There are even tentative plans to reproduce jungle smells.

A multiscreen video presentation will display 700 specimens and models, from microorganisms to mammals, and flying and swimming creatures will hang from the ceiling.

TURNING DOS TO JAVA

Two-fifths of all personal computers in the world use the DOS operating system instead of either Windows 95 or Microsoft's older version, Windows 3.1. Giga, a US polling company discovered this surprising fact in a recent survey.

Sun Microsystems recently announced its preliminary version of a new program called Java PC, which allows organizations to run the program over its server even if the network of computers attached to it uses DOS. The program allows organizations to use computers with 486 microprocessors, saving them from having to buy new machines.

According to Sun, the program allows a variety of computers to function together, even if some are based on Intel technologies and others use Windows or Unix or are workstations or network computers.

The company says this is important because of the rise in the world market in using Java's multimedia technology to develop commercial and financial applications. Visa International recently announced that it would soon develop a "smart card" based on Java technology, in addition to its conventional credit cards.

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When the rules get changed mid-game

Foreign universities are vying to open branches here – but not all degree programs will be recognized in Israel. As Judy Siegel-Itzkovich discovers, many nursing students are caught in the confusion

With all the small foreign universities and colleges flocking to Israel to open branches for high school graduates who don't meet the requirements of Israeli universities, would-be students would do best to follow the dictum *caveat emptor* (let the buyer beware). Just as one shouldn't swallow all the advertising claims of soap powders and cosmetics, young people who dream of an academic degree should be skeptical of ads and promises made by these institutions imported from overseas.

According to the Council of Higher Education, of the 160,000 Israelis expected to attend institutions of higher learning in the year 2000, 55,000 will be enrolled in regional colleges and branches of foreign colleges and universities whose admissions standards are lower than those of Israeli universities. Competition is high and curriculum requirements are changing.

But the degrees granted by foreign universities are not necessarily recognized here. The Council of Higher Education can give them only a temporary license to operate for one to three years, under a new law regulating foreign colleges that was passed a few weeks ago by the Knesset, there will be a transition period during which the Council will organize teams of inspectors to decide on the basis of what is actually taught, whether the foreign degrees are acceptable in Israel.

All the foreign institutions boast in their numerous ads in the press that they have Council approval, but some don't explicitly state that these are temporary licenses to practice, rather than official Israeli recognition of their degrees.

The field of study that has suffered the most shocks in the past year is nursing. Around the world, graduates of nursing schools are increasingly expected not only to pass licensing exams for registered nurses, but to study simultaneously for a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Israel's four academically based nursing schools affiliated to medical schools (Hadassah's in Jerusalem; the University of Haifa/Technion; Ben-Gurion University and Tel Aviv University) adopted this policy years ago.

But now other nursing schools that have been graduating registered nurses without BAs are joining the trend, searching for academic institutions that will grant their students the degree.

A few years ago, Shaare Zedek Hospital's nursing school, which attracts Orthodox young women, mostly from Jerusalem, who want to study the profession in religious surroundings (without male students), signed an agreement with Bar-Ilan University in Ramat Gan. Its nursing students travelled to the Bar-Ilan campus one day a week to study an interdisciplinary program that included some sociology, psychology and related subjects; they were granted a bachelor's degree in social sciences that was recognized by the Health and Finance ministries to qualify for the 10 percent extra pay and speedier advancement granted to university graduates.

Barzilai Hospital's nursing school in Ashdod and Sieff Hospital's nursing facility in Safed also arranged for academic courses for their students. A few hundred nursing students took these courses in regional colleges affiliated with Bar-Ilan, but the program was a Chinese menu of subjects. Although students paid academic tuition (NIS 10,000 a year), their BA was not recognized by the government for the



It's been a year of shocks for aspiring nurses: Increasingly, graduates of nursing schools are required to study for a bachelor's degree in nursing in addition to passing their licensing exams.

pay bonus. (Barzilai and Sieff graduates are planning to appeal to the High Court of Justice to win these benefits.)

The Health Ministry's Nursing Administration, headed by Shoshana Riba, last year insisted that Shaare Zedek nursing students take a BA in sociology instead of social studies to qualify for the pay bonus. But suddenly in the early summer of 1997, the Nursing Administration decided that from 1999, a BA in sociology would not be accepted as a basis of granting nursing graduates academic status. This would leave nurses with sociology degrees at a distinct disadvantage in seeking employment.

Nursing Administration head Riba, working closely with Shaare Zedek nursing school director Haya Greenberger, worked for many months to design a Bachelor of Science in Nursing curriculum to be provided by the Israeli branch of the University of New England (UNE). Based in Biddeford, Maine, on the Atlantic coast, with another campus in Portland, Maine, this small university has a total of 1,600 undergraduate students, 368 graduate students and 398 medical students. According to its Internet site, a fifth of all classes have fewer than 10 students and its student-to-faculty ratio is 17:1. It offers an associate (three-year) or BA (four-year) degree in nursing, as well

as degrees in humanities, exercise science, business management, education, life sciences, physical and occupational therapy. UNE's branch in Israel is located at the Michlala Le'Yisrael, a small college headquartered in Ma'aleh Adumim outside of Jerusalem. The Michlala is also the home of branches of three other tiny American institutions: New England College, Northeastern University and Clark University. Among the degree subjects offered at these schools are journalism, finance, public administration and educational counseling as well as health system management and health services. Most applicants who meet minimum standards and can pay the fees are admitted; they don't have to pass the tough psychometric exams required by Israeli universities.

Because they are foreign institutions, students here must travel to the US and undergo intensive English courses in order to receive their US-recognized degree.

Amir Tamir, the director of the Ma'aleh Adumim Michlala, says it has over 2,000 students studying at four campuses (Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa and Ma'aleh Adumim) and has been functioning successfully for five years. "The universities are elitist; they don't accept whole groups of people – teachers, nurses and others – who want a broad education but don't meet psychometric requirements," he

says. He maintains that graduates have no trouble getting jobs or their degrees accepted by their employers.

The Jerusalem Post has learned that five senior Health Ministry staffers are employed by the Michlala Le'Yisrael as lecturers: director-general Prof. Gabi Barabash (who is a paid adviser and lecturer in medical administration); associate director-general Prof. Yehoshua Shemer; deputy director-general Gabi Bin-Nun; director of geriatric services Prof. Mark Clarfield; and Kobi Peleg, an adviser to Health Minister Yehoshua Matza.

The fact that the Health Ministry rejected Bar-Ilan's sociology program for nurses, and then helped design and subsequently approve the Ma'aleh Adumim branch's nursing degree curriculum, could raise some eyebrows among those responsible for ensuring civil servants' ethics.

When asked by The Jerusalem Post for comment, Barabash declared that he has been a paid part-time employee of the college for four years – joining the staff before he became director-general of the Health Ministry. He said he knows "nothing about the nursing curriculum or the change in ministry requirements," even though Nursing Administration head Riba is directly responsible to him.

Acting ministry spokesman Yair Amikam said all five senior officials received per-

mission from ministry manpower officials to moonlight at the college, and that he saw no hint of conflict of interest.

Riba's announcement that Bar-Ilan's sociology degree would, from next year, not be recognized as an academic standard for nursing students hit Shaare Zedek like a bolt of lightning. Greenberger had informed students admitted in September 1997 that there were some problems, but that she hoped Bar-Ilan would carry out "promises made over a period of four years to establish its own bachelor's degree nursing program."

The nursing program at Ma'aleh Adumim's Michlala had plans to physically move into Shaare Zedek's nursing school within a few weeks to teach the academic courses. Although the formal contract between Shaare Zedek and UNE's branch here has not yet been signed, the nursing school placed an advertisement that appeared in a Jerusalem weekly two weeks ago, announcing that from the next class to be admitted, a BS in nursing would be awarded jointly with UNE.

The 55 new students admitted last September – caught in limbo between a discredited sociology degree and an as-yet-unrecognized nursing degree from a foreign university – as well as future applicants to Shaare Zedek's nursing

school, are terribly confused. Some say they're considering a lawsuit, while others are looking for ways of getting into Hadassah's nursing school, even though two-thirds of those in the first-year class had psychometric scores below the required 600.

The Council for Higher Education said in an official statement that it was shocked by Riba's disqualification of Bar-Ilan's sociology department program for the nurses, saying that "it's 10 times better than what is described as the BS nursing program at UNE, which is a 'kishkaush' (roughly translated as 'nonsense')."

The Council said Shaare Zedek was a "victim" of sudden policy changes by the ministry, and had no alternative but to hurriedly search for an academic nursing program to take its place. The Council said that instead, Bar-Ilan could add a few nursing-related courses of its own and offer a "much better program than UNE, and that, in any case, the ministry's cancellation of recognition to the Bar-Ilan program was shocking."

The Council has not yet received an application from Bar-Ilan to open a nursing faculty, which takes time to consider. Until now, Israeli universities with nursing schools have all had their own medical school, and this is not the case at Bar-Ilan, the Council said, but approval could nevertheless be possible. Students taking a nursing degree from UNE cannot be certain, at this point, that when they get their diploma in three years, it will be recognized by the Council.

Bar-Ilan spokesman David Weinberg said the university wants to establish its own nursing faculty, and hopes to do it in time for this fall, but that approval was not up to Bar-Ilan. It was not the lack of will or internal problems, he said, that caused years of delays, but the stiff demands for leading nursing experts with PhDs, who must be part of the teaching staff.

After hearing from The Jerusalem Post about the Council's statement that the UNE courses may not be accepted, despite the nearly finalized agreement with the college, Shaare Zedek spokeswoman Orna Cohen hurriedly issued this statement in the name of director-general Prof. Jonathan Halevy: "The nursing school examined the Michlala Le'Yisrael's curriculum and found that it's a good program, with the advantage that all its courses are in the field of nursing, as opposed to the [Bar-Ilan] sociology program, which is not. We had no idea about the views of the Council for Higher Education, and we're hearing this now for the first time. "During all our contacts with the Health Ministry and the Council, we've never heard negative comments regarding the UNE, or that it was possible its bachelor's degree in nursing would not be recognized. As a result, the nursing school has decided to reconsider whether to sign a contract with the Michlala Le'Yisrael, especially as the Council says it intends to push for renewed recognition by the ministry of Bar-Ilan's sociology program."

Shaare Zedek's nursing school director Greenberger concluded that she was "led to believe that the reason Bar-Ilan has not, despite years of promises, established its own nursing faculty was disagreements among senior Bar-Ilan officials about which department would be the home of the school. Whatever the disputes among the various bodies, we are most concerned about the future of our students, so that they will get the degree and the recognition to which they are entitled."

'It's silly to suffer needless agony'

By VALERIE FINHOLM

Call it a backlash against the back-to-nature movement or the unstoppable march of technology, but in many American hospital delivery rooms, all-natural childbirth is old-fashioned.

Twenty-five years ago, some women felt ashamed to ask for pain medication while giving birth. Not the mother-to-be of the '90s, she's not embarrassed to demand drugs in pursuit of a less painful delivery.

"I'm not a hero," explains 32-year-old Erin White of Manchester, Connecticut, who recently gave birth to her first child. "It seems silly to me to encourage someone to go through pain that isn't necessary."

The reason for the shift can be summed up in one word: epidural.

Usually safe for both mother and baby, an epidural is an anesthetic delivered by injection near a woman's lower spine. It numbs the body below the injection, allowing a woman to remain alert but more comfortable during contractions and childbirth.

Dr. Anne-Marie Prabulos, an obstetrician-gynecologist in Connecticut, estimates that three-quarters of her patients opt for the epidural, which is administered once labor is under way.

"People don't feel that they need to experience all of childbirth the whole time," Prabulos says with a laugh. "Anesthesiologists are very happy because it's a service for which they get paid extra."

Epidurals, which have been available for years, are not without side effects. Some women are only partially numbed by the medication and experience "windows" of pain. As the medication wears off, some women experience shakes and chills, although this is also common in women who do not opt for medication during labor.

It is allowed to gradually wear off as the delivery approaches so that the mother can feel enough sensation to be able to push the baby out. A woman is not allowed to walk after getting an epidural, because it often numbs her legs.

There is a variation called a "walking epidural": it blocks the pain of labor but doesn't numb a woman's legs. This allows



Many '90s women view no pain during labor as net gain.

her to walk around during labor, which can be more comfortable and hastens labor.

"With some women, the epidural almost becomes more important than the birth itself," says Cheryl Coleman, president of the International Childbirth Education Association, an organization for 9,000 childbirth educators in the North America.

She, too, in recent years has seen a surge in women choosing childbirth with medication. But a "fair number" of women still make the choice of no medication.

"The pendulum keeps going back and

forth," she says.

Cristina Kennedy, 28, had planned on a natural childbirth when she had her first baby two years ago. Her own mother had all five of her children without pain medication.

But Kennedy's plans changed. "I was in agonizing pain," she says.

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"Some people say it's nice to feel the pushing and the baby coming through. I think it was nice not feeling anything," she says.

IN THE '50s and early '60s, women who wanted pain medication were often given general anesthetics, including a combination of morphine and scopolamine, known as "twilight sleep." The drugs, which sedated both mother and baby, obliterated the memory of childbirth.

But during the 1960s and 1970s, women began to ask to be alert during the birth and refused medication, asking for "natural childbirth."

Barbara McKeever, a registered nurse in her 50s, has seen both the "pain-free" and "natural" years.

"These were women who were rebelling against everything. They were geared to believing in their bodies and what their bodies were capable of doing," McKeever says. During those years, McKeever says, she often had to console mothers who felt like failures for using pain medication.

In the childbirth-preparation classes she teaches now at the University of Connecticut Medical Center, McKeever encourages some pregnant women to explore non-medical options to reduce the need for drugs – options such as relaxation imagery, deep breathing or taking a warm shower.

"The young woman of today, she is a woman who knows her own mind; she is used to being in control, accustomed to planning things out and does not trust her own body to work efficiently," McKeever says.

"They're not confident that they can do this without medical intervention."

Carolyn Malchodi, coordinator of education for the Women's Health Center at Hartford Hospital in Connecticut, agrees.

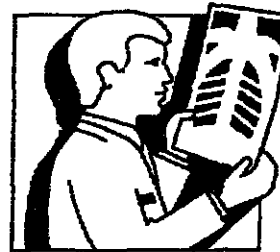
"It seems to me that some women don't have confidence in their ability to birth," says Malchodi, who had her four daughters without medication.

Yet, she adds, "Years ago, you either bit the washcloth, or you went to sleep. What I'm seeing now are women who are informed consumers who look at the risks and benefits of all the interventions."

"If it's safe and it exists, why wouldn't they ask for it?" (The Hartford Courant)

Drowning second-most common accident among youth here

Health Scan



By Post Health Reporter

Drowning incidents are the fourth most common of accidental deaths in Israel, and in young people up to the age of 24, the second cause of death after road accidents.

Official statistics show that a third of all those who drowned are Israeli Arabs, but the figures don't include foreign workers, tourists or Palestinians.

A new survey on drowning, published in *Harefuah*, shows that each year an average of 57 Israelis drown – mostly in the Mediterranean. The US, by comparison, has a higher drowning rate than Israel, and many victims die in swimming pools, a phenomenon that is much less common here.

About 10 percent of the drowning cases here were ruled to be suicides. Besides Arabs aged 15 to 24, another high risk group is elderly Jews. For every child that drowns, there are another 10 cases of "near-drownings," and one out of nine of these survivors suffers permanent brain damage.

The authors of the report, Rani Goldman (of Sheba Hospital) and Giora Kaplan, Rahel Gurevich and Vita Barell of the Health Ministry's health services research unit, note that with the

growing number of private swimming pools, Israel should adopt US laws that require a proper fence to be erected around them; this has proven itself in preventing drowning of young children.

The authors note that the fact that most drowning victims are among the 200,000 foreign workers in Israel (something not included in official statistics) demands improved information in a variety of languages and life-saving efforts at the beaches. In addition, the drowning rate among Arabs is expected to increase in the years ahead, as bathing in the sea becomes a more widespread recreation among younger Arabs. Today it is not usually indulged in by their elders.

ACIDS AND ASTHMA

Chronic cough, hoarseness, asthma and even pneumonia may be caused by reflux – the regurgitation of stomach acids back up to the esophagus and even the larynx due to disruption of contracting movements in the digestive system. According to experts at a recent international congress on the subject in Tel Aviv that was sponsored by the Janssen-Cilag pharmaceutical company, seven percent of the population suffer from reflux daily; 15 percent of them suffer from symptoms once a week and another third have them monthly. Many doctors don't make the connection between reflux and these other complaints. Stomach acid can cause a narrowing of the airways, leading to reversible asthma in addition to problems in the throat, but drugs can relieve and even prevent them if given in time.

Luyt quits - report

SA rugby crisis averted

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) - Controversial South African white rugby boss Louis Luyt has resigned, according to a newspaper interview to be published today.

"Luyt goes," read the front page headline of the Afrikaans daily *Rapport*, which quoted Luyt as saying: "I have resigned from SARFU (The South African Rugby Football Union)." The newspaper quoted Luyt as saying in an exclusive interview that he had resigned for three reasons: he had been abandoned by the SARFU executive, he did not want to damage rugby and he did not want to damage South African rugby's partners Australia and New Zealand.

The black-led National Sports Council (NSC) has called for an international boycott of South African rugby, accusing Luyt of racism and mismanagement.

Luyt told the newspaper: "If the people that take South African rugby forward do not have the backbone to resist the NSC, the government and its fellow travellers, I will act." NSC Chief Executive Mvuso Mbebe said the NSC might withdraw its call for the suspension of rugby tours to South Africa if Luyt quits.

Luyt fought tooth and nail to keep power, but he gradually lost the support of South Africa's rugby powers.

Karlsruhe, Cologne relegated

BOON (Reuters) - Karlsruhe SC and Cologne could not avoid relegation in the final German first division program yesterday. VfB Stuttgart and Schalke 04 secured UEFA Cup berths.

Stuttgart finished fourth after beating Werder Bremen 1-0 while Schalke came fifth with a 2-1 victory over bottom club Arminia Bielefeld.

If Stuttgart beat Chelsea on Wednesday to lift the European Cup Winners' Cup, Hansi Rostock, sixth in the final standings after their 4-2 win over Karlsruhe, will gain a ticket to the UEFA Cup.

Karlsruhe, 16th in the 18-strong table, will play in the second division next season alongside Cologne and Bielefeld.

Cologne failed to improve on their 17th position with a 2-2 draw at Borussia Dortmund.

McGwire hits 400th homer

NEW YORK (Reuters) - St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Mark McGwire became the quickest in major-league history to reach the 400-homer mark when he hit a two-run shot against the New York Mets at Shea Stadium Friday.

McGwire accomplished the feat in 4,726 at-bats, 128 fewer than Babe Ruth (4,854). He needs seven home runs to tie former Dodger great Duke Snider for 25th on the all-time list.

McGwire's 13th homer of this season came on an 0-2 pitch from Rick Reed with one out in the third. The long fly ball down the left-field line gave McGwire homers in 29 of the 30 stadiums in which he has played.

Twenty of the 25 players ahead of McGwire on baseball's all-time home-run list are in the Hall of Fame. Eddie Murray, Dave Winfield and Andre Dawson are not yet eligible.

Dawson was the previous player to reach 400 homers, joining the club on April 15, 1993. San Francisco's Barry Bonds (380), Baltimore's Joe Carter (380) and Cal Ripken (372) and Toronto's Jose Canseco (359) also are closing in on the milestone.

Preston Wilson, who made his major league debut Thursday, was 3-for-4 for the second straight night, doubling twice, scoring three times and driving in a run for the Mets. Brian McRae hit a three-run, fourth-inning homer off Cliff Politte (2-2).

Reds 5, Pirates 3, (10)

In Pittsburgh, Cincinnati tied it in the ninth inning, then won it on Brock Fordyce's two-run double off Ricardo Rincon (0-1) in the 10th.

The Pirates took a 3-2 lead into the ninth, but closer Rich Loeiselle couldn't preserve it, walking two around Barry Larkin's RBI single - his fourth hit in two games following a 2-for-20 slump.

Stan Belinda (2-5), who had lost the previous two nights, pitched a score-

less ninth for the victory. Jeff Shaw, pitching for the third day in a row and the sixth time in seven games, got three outs for his 12th save.

Marlins 12, Dodgers 6

In Miami, Jesus Sanchez struck out a career-high 10 and singled home the go-ahead run in a six-run fifth inning as Florida snapped a four-game losing streak.

Cliff Floyd and Charles Johnson each had two hits and three RBIs in the Marlins' highest-scoring game since getting 12 runs against Arizona on April 26.

Todd Zeile hit a grand slam and Todd Hollandsworth had a pinch-hit homer for the Dodgers.

Sanchez (2-1), making his fourth career start, sealed down after Zeile's slam in the first. He gave up six hits in eight innings.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

| Team | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|--------------|----|----|------|-------|
| Atlanta | 24 | 11 | .686 | - |
| New York | 18 | 14 | .563 | 4 1/2 |
| Philadelphia | 14 | 17 | .447 | 7 |
| Florida | 12 | 21 | .364 | 11 |
| Montreal | 12 | 23 | .343 | 12 |

Central Division

| Team | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|------------|----|----|------|-------|
| Houston | 20 | 13 | .606 | - |
| St. Louis | 19 | 13 | .594 | 1 |
| Chicago | 17 | 15 | .529 | 3 |
| Cincinnati | 17 | 15 | .529 | 3 |
| San Diego | 17 | 15 | .529 | 3 |
| Pittsburgh | 15 | 19 | .441 | 5 1/2 |

West Division

| Team | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---------------|----|----|------|--------|
| San Diego | 23 | 11 | .676 | - |
| San Francisco | 18 | 14 | .563 | 4 |
| Los Angeles | 17 | 15 | .529 | 4 |
| Colorado | 16 | 19 | .457 | 7 1/2 |
| Arizona | 8 | 27 | .229 | 15 1/2 |

Thursday's NL games: Montreal 2, Colorado 1; Los Angeles 4, Florida 3; N.Y. Mets 4, St. Louis 1; Atlanta 6, San Diego 3; Philadelphia 4, Arizona 1; Pittsburgh 8, Cincinnati 7. Friday's NL games: Chicago Cubs 5, San Francisco 4; Colorado 7, Montreal 5; Cincinnati 5, Pittsburgh 3; (10); Florida 12, Los Angeles 6; San Diego 3, Atlanta 2; Philadelphia 6, Arizona 4; NY Mets 9, St. Louis 2; Milwaukee 4, Houston 1.

Thursday's AL games: Detroit 6, Oakland 3; Kansas City 5, Boston 3; Cleveland 7, Texas 2; Toronto 6, Seattle 0. Friday's AL games: Baltimore 8, Tampa Bay 2; Boston 14, Kansas City 3; N.Y. Yankees 5, Minnesota 1; Texas 6, Cleveland 3; Anaheim 5, Detroit 3; Seattle 8, Toronto 3; Chicago White Sox 5, Oakland 3.

Blues remain only unbeaten team in NHL playoffs

DETROIT (AP) - The St. Louis Blues remained the only unbeaten team in the NHL playoffs, beating the Detroit Red Wings 4-2 Friday night behind Jim Campbell's two third-period goals in the opener of their second-round series.

Todd Gill and Brett Hull also scored for the Blues, who swept the Los Angeles Kings in the first round. Martin Lapointe and Tomas Holmstrom scored for the Red Wings, who are trying to become the first team since 1992 to repeat as Stanley Cup champion.

Game 2 of the best-of-7 Western Conference series will be played this afternoon at Joe Louis Arena. Action then shifts to St. Louis for Games 3 and 4 beginning Tuesday night.

It was the first game for St. Louis since sweeping the Los Angeles Kings in April 29, and the Blues were swept in the first round of the playoffs last year.

Wings hadn't played since Sunday when they eliminated Phoenix in six games.

Sabres 3, Canadiens 2, OT

In Buffalo, New York, Geoff Sanderson scored off a rebound 2:37 into overtime to lift the Buffalo Sabres over the Montreal Canadiens in the opener of their Eastern Conference semifinal series.

Sanderson, who also scored in the first period, grabbed Brian Holzinger's rebound and beat Canadiens goaltender Andy Moog with a wrist shot into the top half of the net.

It marked the first time in 14 games that the Canadiens lost a game in overtime. Montreal nearly pulled out a victory after coming back from a 2-0 deficit in the third period.

Darius Stevenson and Vincent Damphousse scored 10 seconds apart with less than six minutes remaining in regulation to tie the game as the

Sabres were caught sitting on a 2-0 lead.

Sabres goaltender Dominik Hasek played brilliantly and finished with 46 saves.

Washington 4, Ottawa 2

In Washington, Adam Oates' breakaway goal snapped a second-period tie and Olaf Kolzig made 36 saves as the Washington Capitals held on for victory over the Ottawa Senators in the opener of their Eastern Conference semifinal series on Thursday.

Four different players scored for the Capitals, who needed less than one game to rattle goaltender Damian Rhodes, something the top-seeded New Jersey Devils could not do in six games in the opening round.

Washington also benefited from a pair of favorable officials' calls in the third period and won Game One for the fourth straight playoff series. Game Two was yesterday at Washington.

SPORTS

in brief

Belgian rider killed at Monza

MONZA, Italy (Reuters) - Belgian supersport motorcyclist Michael Paquay was killed in an accident at Italy's Monza race track yesterday, race officials said.

The double European champion crashed after clipping the back wheel of rival Antonio Calvo as he tried to overtake on a straight during a practice session for today's world supersport championship race.

Keegan's 2000 promotion hopes dip

LONDON (Reuters) - Kevin Keegan's hopes of leading Fulham to promotion into the English First Division suffered a setback yesterday when his side were held to a 1-1 home draw by Grimsby Town in the first leg of their Second Division promotion play-off at Craven Cottage.

Keegan, the former Liverpool and Fulham's chief operating officer, assumed control of team affairs after sacking his friend Ray Wilkins as coach on Thursday. But he saw his side reduced to 10 men after 40 minutes when Paul Moody was sent off for nasty lunge on Mark Lever.

Five minutes later veteran Peter Beardsley gave Fulham the lead from the penalty spot, but they could not hold on to their advantage.

A defensive mistake by Paul Trollope allowed David Smith to equalize for Grimsby after 65 minutes to leave the tie evenly balanced ahead of Wednesday's second leg at Blundell Park.

Bristol Rovers meet Northampton in the first leg of their Second Division promotion play-off today.

The first legs in the First Division and Third Division play-offs also take place today.

Williams faces Hingis in Italian Open final

ROME (AP) - Venus Williams outlasted clay-court expert Arantxa Sanchez Vicario in three grueling sets yesterday at the Italian Open to advance to her fourth final of the year.

The 17-year-old American did not always handle Sanchez Vicario's changing speeds and conservative strategy, but battled back from a second-set lapse to triumph 6-3, 2-6, 7-5.

No. 1 Martina Hingis followed them onto center court and needed just 45 minutes to eliminate unseeded 16-year-old Mirjana Lucic, 6-2, 6-1, and set up a final between the two hottest players on the tour.

Cool Hakkinen takes pole in Spain

BARCELONA (Reuters) - World championship leader Mika Hakkinen of Finland showed he is both fast enough and mentally tough enough to withstand the rivalry from McLaren team mate Briton David Coulthard for this year's title when he claimed pole position ahead of the Scot in convincing style yesterday.

Both McLaren drivers proved yet again that they are in a class of their own this year in their Mercedes-Benz powered and Bridgestone-tyred MP4-13 car. Hakkinen was a full 1.5 seconds clear of third-placed double world champion Michael Schumacher of Germany in a Ferrari.

Lynagh, Sella sign off with Saracens' win

LONDON (Reuters) - Michael Lynagh and Philippe Sella signed off from rugby in style on yesterday as they helped unfashionable Saracens to a 48-18 thrashing of Wasps in the English Cup final at Twickenham.

Both players retire at the end of the season and could yet complete the double with the league leaders, who have one game remaining.

The third member of the international trio that has transformed the club, World Cup-winning Springbok Francois Pienaar, was also magnificent for Saracens and took his record in finals to 18 victories from 19 attempts.

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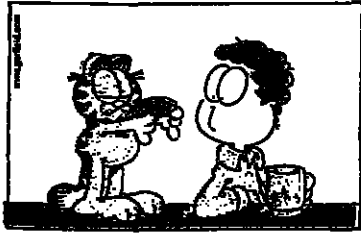
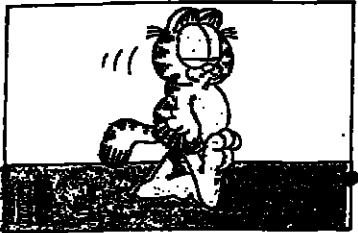
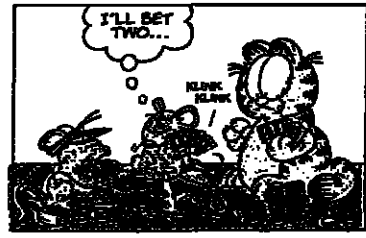
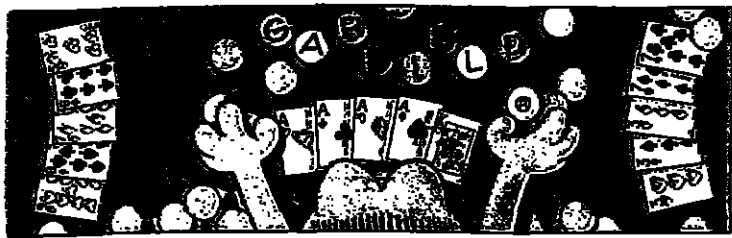
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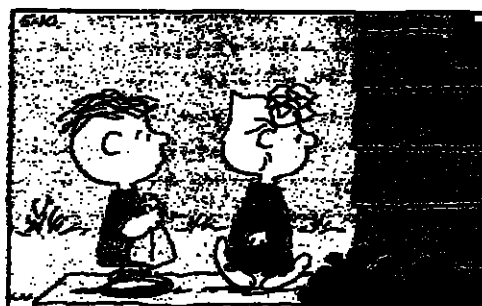
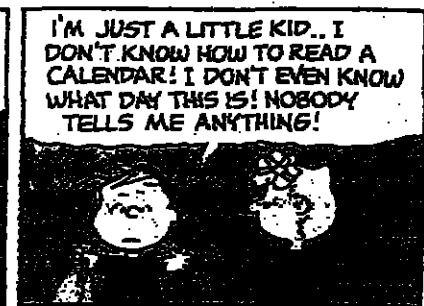
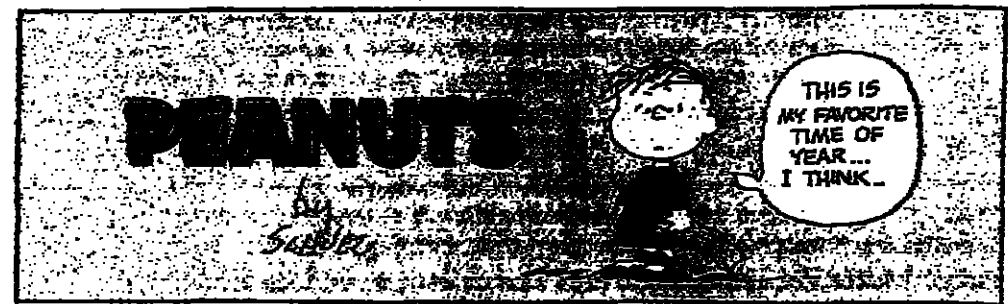
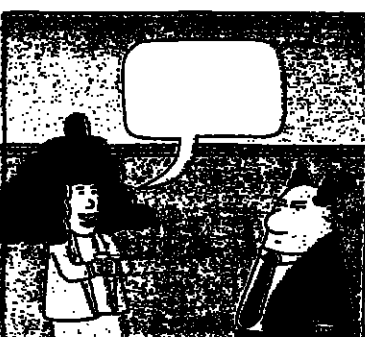
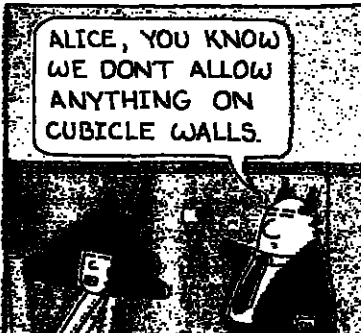
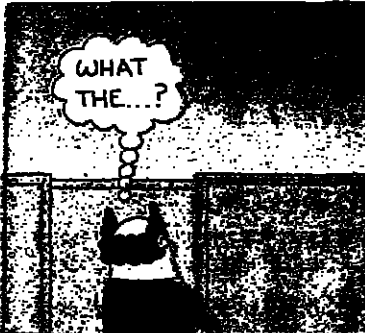
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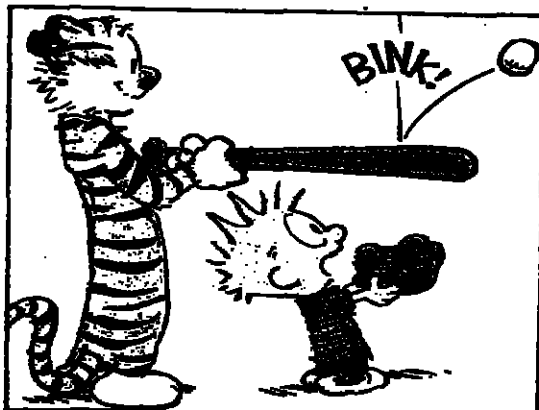
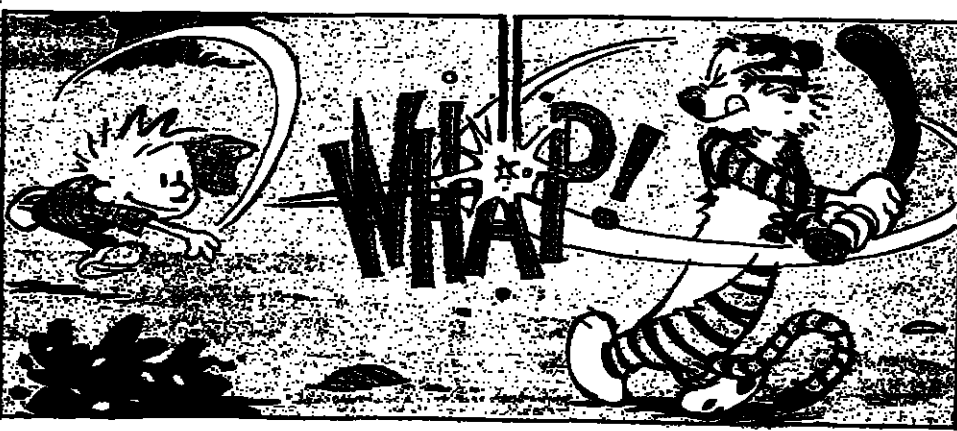
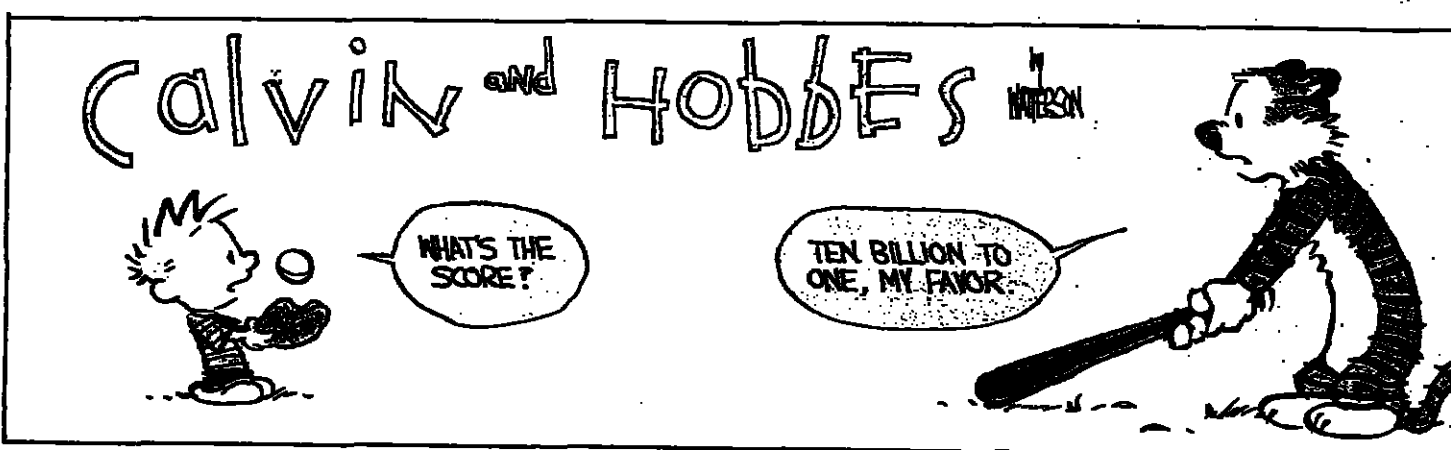
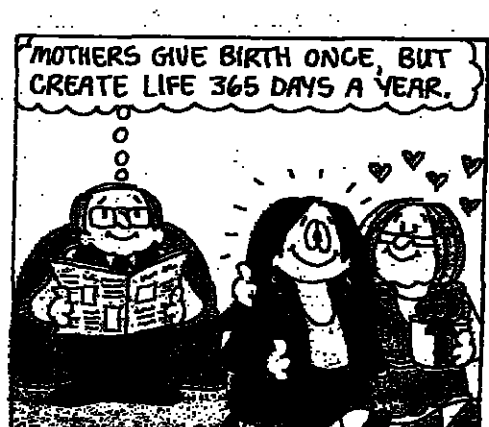
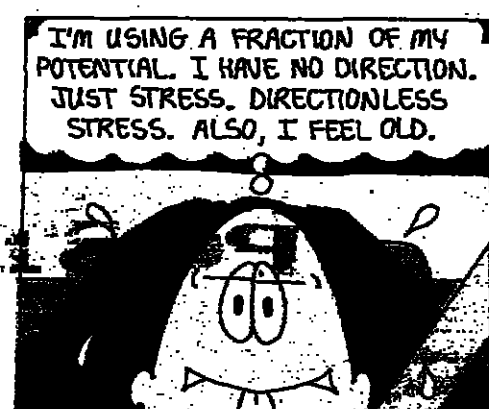
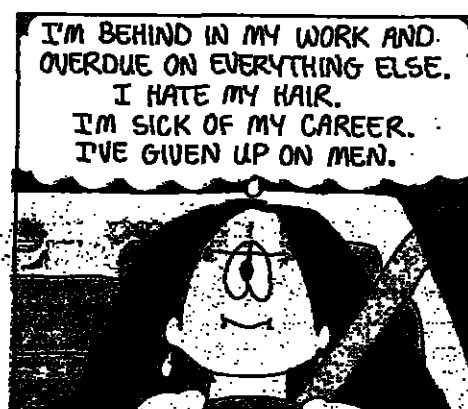
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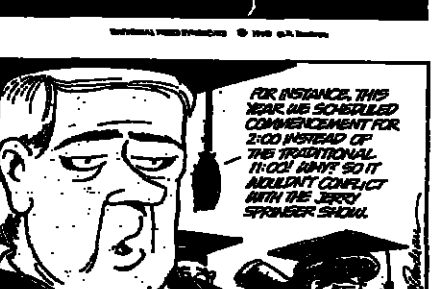
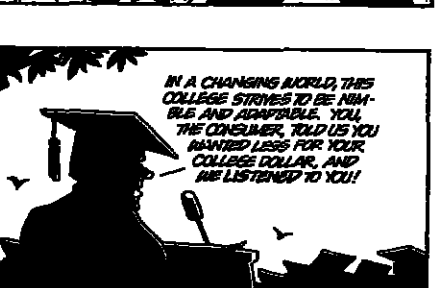
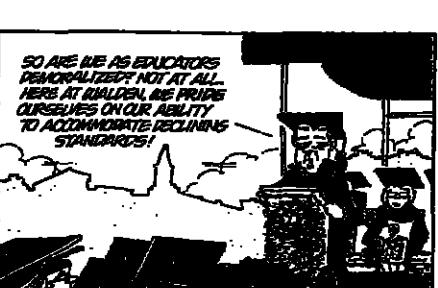


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CRITICS' CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Russian violinist and conductor Yuri Bashmet makes his Israel Philharmonic Orchestra debut leading Schubert's fourth symphony, Bach's sixth Brandenburg Concerto and Telemann's viola concerto, tonight at the Jerusalem International Convention Center and tomorrow at the Mann Auditorium, IPO principal violinist, is also a soloist.

Kenneth Kiesler leads the Haifa Symphony Orchestra in Schumann's fourth symphony, the overture to Rossini's *Il turco in Italia* and Mozart's 25th piano concerto with Peter Frank as soloist. Tonight, tomorrow and Wednesday at the Haifa Auditorium (8:30).

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

*** **THE END OF VIOLENCE** - In his striking new film, a director of a thriller set around Hollywood, director Wim Wenders doesn't appear to have any particular point to hammer home about the nature of violence or intimacy, and he and screenwriter Nicholas Klein approach their complex theme in an admirably meditative, if sometimes diffuse, mode. Although the sprawling, Altmanesque storyline is sometimes convoluted and some of the characters seem caught at an uncomfortable spot between ironic type and earnest individual, the film is consistently engaging. Wenders's dramatic intelligence is clear in every shot and the movie manages most of the time to be at once witty, entertaining and visually alive. With Bill Pullman, Andie MacDowell, Gabriel Byrne and music by Ry Cooder. (Not recommended for children)

*** **FLUBBER** - In this remake of Disney's 1961 hit *The Absent-Minded Professor*, Robin Williams plays a soft-spoken mad scientist type

who creates a vat of fantastical bright green goo with the power to send objects flying through space at phenomenal speeds. The movie functions as a fine diversion for little kids. It's like an extended toy commercial, with dozens of variations on the same stick repeated, and the title "character" - who looks when solid something like a mischievous blob of animate lime jello - able to transmogrify instantaneously and assume any number of funny forms. Whether or not *Flubber* works as a movie in a larger sense is another matter altogether and one that is probably beside the point: kids respond to all that giddy motion and to the rather irresistible idea that this one little ball of fluorescent gunk contains enough zooming energy to wreak complete havoc on its surroundings. (General audiences)

*** **THE FULL MONTY** - As you may have heard, Peter Cattaneo's film is a comedy about unemployed-steelworkers-turned-male-strippers and a huge box-office success. What this summary doesn't account for, however, is the sweetly mild-mannered, even wistful, nature of the picture at hand. *The Full Monty* is funny but it's also very sad, and for all its goofy high-concept elements, the film develops slowly and with surprising restraint as a tender little meditation on the pitfalls posed by both moneymaking and manhood. None of the would-be dancers is especially shapely, and a good deal of the humor and pathos here evolves from watching them try to overcome their own klutziness and embarrassment at their utterly lack-lustrious bodies. The movie manages to satirize and sympathize at once with the men's feelings of inferiority - sexual, economic and otherwise. (Parental guidance strongly advised.)

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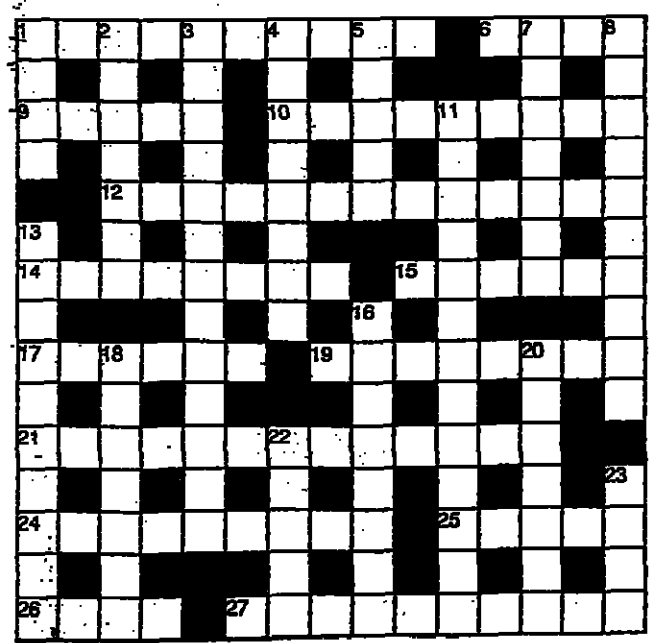
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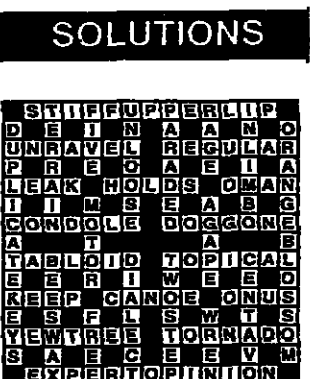
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
- 1 Material in carol needs a bit of learning (10)
 - 6 Put up with a nuisance (4)
 - 9 Not yet? Dead right (5)
 - 10 Miss Italy? (9)
 - 12 Getting those that are cast to speak in every possible way (6-7)
 - 14 Type of music boat race crew would like? (3,5)
 - 15 Type of music to make an alto struggle? (6)
 - 17 Nefariously inspecting the cladding (6)
 - 19 Ships and other underwear (8)

- DOWN
- 1 The two censors in error? Goodness me! (5,3,5)
 - 24 At sea, for the most part (2,3,4)
 - 25 A very expensive bar (5)
 - 26 Fat boy crosses river (4)
 - 27 His notice may appear in newspaper column (10)



- 4 Gave up work, accepting the inevitable (8)
- 5 Nigel finally moves to other side of river (5)
- 7 Nothing to confine thought (7)
- 8 Mark, say, is leaving set confused (10)
- 11 May he seek a hobby? He has one already (13)
- 13 Motionless, like farm animals? (5-5)
- 16 Spanish town where girl receives amazing tan (8)
- 18 Hired killer or what he uses (7)
- 20 Flaga, sensing sickness (7)
- 22 Store oxygen in solid form (5)
- 23 Cause trouble in prison (4)



Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Ledger, 4 Slate, 8 River, 9 Conceal, 10 Arrange, 11 Dale, 12 Wag, 14 Cede, 15 Ally, 18 Dig, 21 Risk, 24 Average, 25 Hesitant, 26 Leave, 27 Dream, 28 Advent.

DOWN: 1 Lariat, 2 Diverse, 3 Extended, 4 Sand, 5 Arena, 6 Enlist, 7 Screw, 13 Revealed, 16 Leakage, 17 Orehid, 19 Cant, 20 Select, 22 Caste, 24 Miss.

QUICK CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
- 1 Dressing (5)
 - 4 Mistake (5)
 - 10 Diluted (7)
 - 11 Vaporized water (5)
 - 12 Lawful (5)
 - 13 Universal (7)
 - 15 Thoughtful (4)
 - 17 Shadow (5)
 - 19 Rock (5)
 - 22 Always (4)
 - 23 Reveal in private (5)
 - 27 Danger signal (5)
 - 28 Peruses (5)
 - 30 Spanish drink (7)
 - 31 Revises (5)
 - 32 Creep (5)
- DOWN
- 2 Top room (5)
 - 3 Main artery (7)
 - 5 Ascended (5)
 - 6 Swarmed over (7)
 - 7 Abide (5)
 - 8 Proverb (5)
 - 9 Crin (5)
 - 14 Relaxation (4)
 - 16 Act (4)
 - 18 Parliamentary report (7)
 - 20 Coach (7)
 - 21 Twenty (5)
 - 23 Poetry (5)
 - 24 Jordanian capital (5)
 - 26 Insertion (5)
 - 28 Pointed missile (5)

TV

CHANNEL 1 (11)

6:30 News Flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel
19:00 Le Journal
19:15 Tour de France
19:30 News Headlines
19:35 The Funniest People in X
20:00 Documentary
21:00 Magazine
21:10 Renegade
22:00 News in English
22:30 Miniseries
00:00 Comedy series
00:30 Drama

EDUCATIONAL TV (11)

6:00 Wonderful World of Molecules
6:30 Desires
8:00 Sciences
8:15 Mathematics
10:00 For the very young
11:00 Environmental Studies
11:30 Nature
12:00 Mathematics
12:30 Communications
12:50 Mathematics
13:15 Animation
14:30 John Osteen
15:00 Pretty Butterfly

CHANNEL 1 (11)

15:30 Eile and Lily and Zep
16:00 X Men
16:30 Baywatch
16:30 Zappas
16:59 A New Evening
17:00 Close Zap
18:10 Time for Language
18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 Amal and Kana's Studio
19:00 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS

19:30 News Flash
19:31 Home Improvement
19:32 The World Today
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CHANNEL 2 (22)

5:45 Today's programs
5:55 On the Edge of the Shell
6:00 Spiderman
6:30 Choco with Tel-Ad
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6:50 Ramat Aviv Gimel
10:20 Jerry's War
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CHANNEL 3

7:00 Good Evening with Guy Pinis (pt)
7:30 Love Story with Yossi Syss (pt)
8:00 Celeste
8:00 One Life to Live
8:45 The Young and the Restless (pt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives
11:15 The Bold and the Beautiful
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1:20 Love Boat

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Home Front (1971) - a politician's son is called home from school to join his political campaign and uncovers a scheme to undermine a U.S. Navy ship.
12:00 The Godfather (1972) - a Mafia boss is killed and his son takes over.
12:30 The Godfather Part II (1974) - a Mafia boss is killed and his son takes over.
13:00 The Godfather Part III (1976) - a Mafia boss is killed and his son takes over.
13:30 The Godfather Part IV (1978) - a Mafia boss is killed and his son takes over.
14:00 The Godfather Part V (1980) - a Mafia boss is killed and his son takes over.
14:30 The Godfather Part VI (1982) - a Mafia boss is killed and his son takes over.
15:00 The Godfather Part VII (1984) - a Mafia boss is killed and his son takes over.
15:30 The Godfather Part VIII (1986) - a Mafia boss is killed and his son takes over.
16:00 The Godfather Part IX (1988) - a Mafia boss is killed and his son takes over.
16:30 The Godfather Part X (1990) - a Mafia boss is killed and his son takes over.
17:00 The Godfather Part XI (1992) - a Mafia boss is killed and his son takes over.
17:30 The Godfather Part XII (1994) - a Mafia boss is killed and his son takes over.
18:00 The Godfather Part XIII (1996) - a Mafia boss is killed and his son takes over.
18:30 The Godfather Part XIV (1998) - a Mafia boss is killed and his son takes over.

CABLE

ITV 3 (33)

15:30 Brave Children
15:30 Short and Sweet
17:00 Weekly Column
18:00 News in Arabic
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Sports Editors
Hoffman & Ori Lewis

By HEATHER CHAST

The doubles title went to Israelis Noam Bett and Eyal Erlich after their South African opponents Godwin and Nainkin defaulted, due to Nainkin's injured shoulder.

Soroka Hospital, three of them from the police and three fans. Maccabi Haifa's Alon Mizrahi ends the campaign as the top scorer with 18 goals.

Bet. Jerusalem 1, Mac. PT 0
Maccabi Petah Tikva coach Moshe

SEALING VICTORY - Istvan Pishont stabs Betar Jerusalem's winner into the back of Golan Malul's net as a helpless Maccabi Petah Tikva defender lunges to stop the shot in vain. (Brian Henderson)

In the 29th minute Yossi Abukasis fed the ball through to Stefan Sallai, and the Hungarian deftly sent a back-footed lob towards fellow countryman Istvan Pishont who turned and guided the ball past the reach of Golan Malul in the Petah Tikva goal. As the Jerusalem hordes sang their hearts out in the background Betar began to find some confidence, and four minutes before half time Malul demonstrated quick reactions by racing out of the penalty area to deny Pishont from taking a second shot.

and goal. Maccabi continued to baffle their hosts in the second half and it was not until the 55th minute that Betar substitute Nir Reikhsman was to force Malmi to spring into action again. Salloi then had a penalty appeal waved away by referee Mer Levy in the 62nd minute, then seconds later sent the ball skidding just wide of Malmi's left post. Shai Holzman eventually replaced the sagging Salloi in the 78th minute, but was unable to make his mark on the game. As the closing minutes beckoned Dror Kashian's side began to lose composure, evidenced by the sending off of Turner Aluzai for a wild challenge three minutes from time. By then the Jerusalemies and their supporters were in a panic, Amstelsom, one of Betar's better performers kicked the ball into the stands at the halfway line in an effort to waste a few more precious seconds. Injury time saw Betar weather some last-ditch Maccabi pressure before Levy ditched the proceedings to an end with the final whistle, and hastened the massive rush onto the

pitch by the Betar fans.
Hapoel Ashdod 2, Hapoel Tel Aviv 3
Hapoel Tel Aviv gave their fans some hope when they took an early lead in the fourth minute after a corner from Kfir Udi reached Shalom Tilva who was waiting unmarked on the edge of the area.
Tilva positioned himself well before releasing a volley that deflected off Asken's Hungarian defender Janos Tomika, and surprised goalkeeper Assi Rahumim. Sebastian Simerotz could have easily made it two after 20 minutes when he was at the end of a long run by midfielder Gyorgi Darsallia, but his effort from close range went inches wide.
Eight minutes later, as the radio announced Istvan Pishon's goal in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv's fans were silenced, but, a cheer that was louder than any cheer heard yesterday afternoon was heard as Hapoel's fans mistook an equalizer at Rishon for an equalizer at Teddy only to discover their mistake seconds later. Mirza Mostovic

made it 2-0 a minute before half time when he curled in a free kick from the edge of the box.

In the second half, man-of-the-match Tikva scored his second and best goal of the afternoon after 63 minutes, winning praise even from Ashkelon's wincing die-hard fans. Tikva received a long ball inside the box, chested it down and calmly skipped past a challenge before chipping Asif Rachamim to make it 3-0.

Q. As Hapoel began realizing that the result from Teddy was not going in their way, they started taking their foot off the pedal and Boaz Meri pulled a goal back for the home side after 71 minutes, when he found himself unmarked in the middle of Tel Aviv's box after some good work by Sagie Einay.

Meri almost scored a second only a minute later, but his well struck shot from outside the box was met by a quicker spectacular save from goal-keeper Shavit Elimelech who tipped the ball over the bar.

Ashkelon eventually made it 2-2

Happ. Beersheba 1, Mac. Haifa 0
Yossi Benayon's injury-time penalty was too little too late as the Negev side crashed into the second division for the first time in 27 years. Beersheba didn't know that only seconds earlier Bnei Yehuda had scored the winning goal in their match against Ironi Rishon. Their result made Beersheba's effort completely futile on the day.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Hapoel Kfar Sava 1, Maccabi Herzliya 2; Hapoel Ashdod 2, Hapoel Tel Aviv 3; Hapoel Petah Tikva 3, Hapoel Jerusalem 2; Hapoel Beersheba 1, Maccabi Haifa 0; Ironi Rishon LeZion 1, Bnei Yehuda 2; Hapoel Haifa 5, Hapoel Beit She'an 2; Bnei Jerusalem 1, Maccabi Petah Tikva 0; Maccabi Tel Aviv 7, Ironi Ashdod 1.

SECOND DIVISION: Hapoel Bar Yarn 3, Hapoel Lod 2; Maccabi Kiryat Gat 3, Hapoel Ashdod 3; Ness Ziona 2, Zefirum Holon 2; Hekozah Ramat Gan 1, Maccabi Jaffa 3; Hapoel Telba 3, Maccabi Katz Kana 2; Bnei Sakhnin 6, Maccabi Netanya 3; Betar Tel Aviv 4, Hapoel Ramat Gan 0; Maccabi Yavne 3, Maccabi Acre 8.

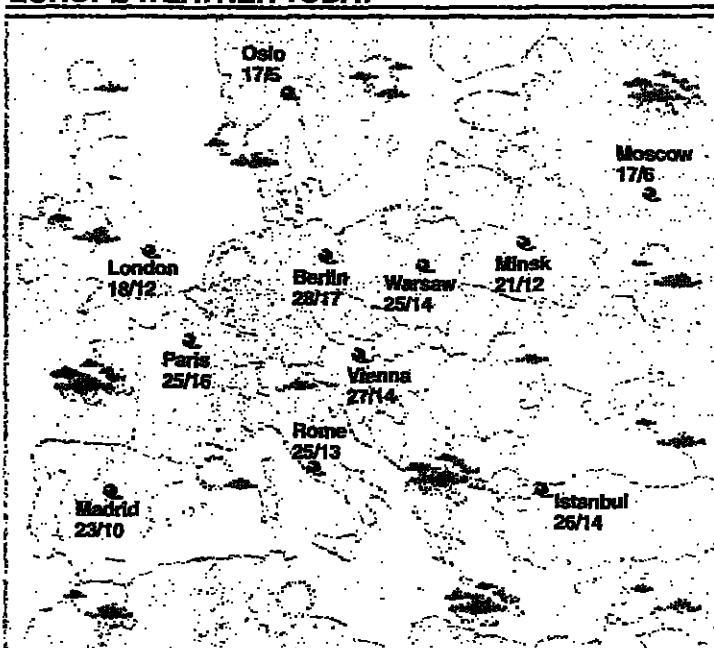
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THE FIRST CHOICE TO MORE THAN 250 CITIES
IN CANADA AND THE US

EUROPE WEATHER TODAY



Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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| Tiberias | 33/91 | 20/38 | 29/84 | 16/61 | 30/98 | 17/63 | 33/98 | 16/61 | 31/88 | 14/57 |

INTERNATIONAL CITIES

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| Bazile | 2377 | 1776/23 | 2387 | 1782/23 | 2377 | 1747/23 |
| Berlin | 2382 | 1782/23 | 2394 | 1782/23 | 2377 | 1457/18 |
| Brussels | 2780 | 1776/23 | 2882 | 1681/16 | 2577 | 1457/18 |
| Calo | 2577 | 1355/16 | 2188 | 1681/15 | 2188 | 1782/23 |
| Chicago | 1986 | 1585/23 | 2271 | 1152/23 | 2271 | 1457/18 |
| Frankfurt | 2780 | 1553/23 | 2384 | 1553/23 | 2577 | 1253/23 |
| Hong Kong | 2382 | 2373/23 | 2382 | 2373/23 | 2382 | 2475/23 |
| Johannesburg | 1884 | 2353/23 | 2086 | 2373/23 | 2271 | 2485/23 |
| London | 1986 | 1553/23 | 2373 | 2485/23 | 1984 | 1744/23 |
| Los Angeles | 2475 | 1457/18 | 2373 | 1053/23 | 2382 | 1457/18 |
| Mexico | 2373 | 1053/18 | 1986 | 1943/23 | 2188 | 2485/23 |
| Mexico City | 1986 | 1355/23 | 2382 | 1457/18 | 2382 | 1457/18 |
| Montréal | 2780 | 1253/18 | 2170 | 1152/23 | 2170 | 1053/18 |
| Moscow | 1772 | 2438/23 | 2271 | 1152/23 | 2086 | 4385/23 |
| Munich | 2382 | 1984/23 | 1884 | 1053/23 | 2382 | 1457/18 |
| Paris | 2577 | 1884/23 | 2373 | 1457/18 | 2373 | 1253/23 |
| Panama | 2373 | 1253/23 | 2380 | 1355/23 | 2475 | 1253/23 |
| Rio de Janeiro | 2382 | 2055/23 | 2577 | 1986/23 | 2780 | 2170/23 |
| Rome | 2577 | 1355/23 | 2475 | 1355/23 | 2475 | 1355/23 |
| Sofia | 2382 | 1984/23 | 2170 | 1585/23 | 2170 | 1355/23 |
| Tokyo | 2271 | 1553/23 | 1984 | 1684/23 | 2188 | 2373/23 |
| Toronto | 1782 | 1053/18 | 2170 | 2485/23 | 2086 | 9485/23 |
| Vancouver | 2780 | 1457/18 | 2780 | 1457/18 | 2475 | 1457/18 |
| Vladivostok | 2577 | 1457/18 | 2373 | 2382/23 | 2271 | 1352/23 |
| Washington | 2373 | 1457/18 | 2373 | 1457/18 | 2373 | 1457/18 |
| Zürich | 2475 | 1355/23 | 2271 | 1355/23 | 2373 | 1355/23 |

Day's highs and tonight's lows.

Celtic end Rangers' nine-year reign

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| Rangers | 36 | 21 | 9 | 6 | 76 | 38 | 72 |
| Hearts | 36 | 19 | 10 | 7 | 70 | 46 | 67 |
| Kilmarnock | 36 | 13 | 11 | 12 | 40 | 52 | 50 |
| St Johnstone | 36 | 13 | 9 | 14 | 38 | 42 | 48 |
| Aberdeen | 36 | 9 | 12 | 15 | 30 | 62 | 30 |

Bulls charge past Hornets, for 2-1 series lead

"It is not the biggest game of my career but it is definitely the most

Everton's Bilic prepares for 'game of his career'

and played in some finals but the hunt for a high guarantee a place

Barnsley make their farewell to the premier league at home to Manchester United

Relegated Crystal Palace, who have finished bottom, will be attempting to win only their second home league match of the season against Sheffield Wednesday.

...the fact that the *in vitro* and *in vivo* results are in good agreement, and that the *in vivo* results are in good agreement with the results obtained from the *in vitro* studies.

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